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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 11:08 AM
To: Janice Mason
Cc: Kris Perry; John Katz
Subject: Re: Requests

Thanks pls let Katz know

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 09:59:14

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Requests

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 10:07 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Katz; John W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Requests

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Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 09:59:14

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 9:55 AM
To: jsmothersinak@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:25 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Jack Smothers

address: PO Box 1106 Talkeetna AK 99676

907-495-1211

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Thank you for your past and future service to our great state and country! I just saw a story on the news (yeah, I know, the news...) that really twisted my tail. As a former service member (US Army), the brother of a current US Marine (Gunny Sgt Sean Smothers) and the son of a US Marine, I was extremely disturbed watching a story about several wounded Marines and Army personnel who have been deemed unfit for further service in the military, however, have been granted extremely limited disability status (10% of their current pay). THIS IS REDICULOUS!!! These brave men put their lives on the line for us and were wounded badly enough to have their careers ended and their lives changed forever - they deserve better than what they are getting from their country! I support our men and women in the military as well as the war effort; however, this is a travesty. How can the wealthiest country in the world not take care of our disabled vets better than this?! I know that you are not a member

of the US Congress or Senate (I'm emailing them too!); however, I was hopeful that you could talk with those who are responsible for the care of our disabled military members to ensure that these wounded warriors are PROPERLY cared for after they (and their families) have given so much for all of us. I think that this is the least that most taxpayers could do to repay these heroes, if not in the entire country, then at least here in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Jack Smothers

PO Box 1106

Talkeetna, AK 99676-1106

PS - congratulations on the addition to your family!

jsmothersinak@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 9:50 AM
To: 'traderpete1@ca.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:04 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Pete Lucia

address: 15401 Williams st sp 139 Tustin CA 92780

714-972-8004

MESSAGE:

Hey Sarah, Thanks for your honesty and truthfulness.

The hatcheries are the only reason there will be fish in Alaska waters. The Mat-su fisheries already are devastated.

Following proper procedure to restore the fisheries is failed in utter and complete devastation, you and you alone must step in to save the fisheries. It is blatantly obvious anything short of

your intervention will seal the fate of fisheries in Alaska

as a thing of the past, lost to some bureaucrats incompetence.

My guess is that the lawmakers want payola to make things happen in the state or they just drag there feet until they are coddled (money) into agreement.At 100.00 a barrel for oil, an Alaska natural resource,you would think there would be money for fisheries, an Alaska natural resource.

Exxon wiped out alot of the fishery. The commercial guys are wiping out the fishery rather than letting the fish make it to the Mat-su river system.The commercial guys need there own hatchery and fishery and stop poaching mat-su fish.

Alaska has enjoyed it's natural resources. That is going to stop

abruptly, with fingers pointed in every direction, about the inevitable failures being some other incompetent lawmakers responsibility not mine.Please Sarah, intervene before these geniuses loose Alaska's finest resources.Please make sure as a minimum requirement

all hatcheries in Alaska are to be completely funded as the States natural resource is protected vigerously.

traderpete1@ca.rr.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 9:25 AM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press awards

Thanks!

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 08:11:47

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Press awards

I'll take care of this and let all know outcome soonest.

Beth

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Fri Mar 21 07:50:58 2008

Subject: Press awards

Pls have someone look at the recent statewide press awards and do "congrats" to those recognized - KTUU photog won national award, Julia O'Malley won, etc... Some of the local media outlets also. Then pls let me know who followed through on it and where the "congrats" were sent. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:38 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Sean personal2; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: budget

I am not falling on my sword over this- you can try again with pointing out the mistaken numbers being used, but I am not vetoing what they present to me, despite it not being complete. You can remind them one more time of the mistaken numbers, but it is up to them to repair. I announced yest that we believed the pkg could be made better, as we had rolled out, but we shouldnt have suggested we'd veto it if it wasn't corrected to reflect higher spending. Again, without others on the battlefield with me, we do not win, and I move on to the next issue.

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 08:33:14

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,Sean personal2 <Privileged or Personal M>,"Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: budget

We have the bill transmitted from the Legislature so technically it can be signed as soon as you and the bill are in the same location.

I met with Bill Thomas and Kurt Olson and asked them about the bill. I showed both of them the fiscal notes from the Department as well as the House Finance fiscal note. I pointed out that their districts would receive less under the bill than they expected. Neither of them were aware of the situation.

Gary Wilken has made some progress with leadership to get a correction (probably through the capital budget). His message has not had time to sink in with the Legislature as a whole. The way he explains the situation is a bit confusing as well. The districts are starting to realize that they will not receive the amount they expected either. However, the Legislature has them scared that they will lose what they have it they speak out against the Legislature's plan. To make progress with the districts will require getting some of the non-leadership members on board.

We tried to message the comments that we are disappointed and what we have now does not have the predictability school districts need. Also, that we have enough time left in the session to work with the Legislature to improve our education funding package.

Stedman and Hoffman are out front. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 7:54 AM

To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sean personal2; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Subject: Re: budget

When is the earliest to sign?

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From: "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 07:19:01

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, Privileged or Personal M "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: budget

Governor. I will talk with Mike and Russ today. KJR

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sean personal2 <Privileged or Personal M; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Sent: Fri Mar 21 06:18:41 2008

Subject: Re: budget

Karen- when's the soonest I can sign the Educ Bill and put to rest the threat of veto there? I believe I was thrown under the bus on that one, after being told districts (incl Anchorage) were being short-changed and they did not want the $100 BSA... So I stuck my neck out saying we needed to send it back to fight for the $200... My understanding was Wilken and other legislators were going to reveal the number problems in the funding package two days ago and rally troops to get it fixed. My understanding of all this has evidently been wrong and I will not "fight" for a higher level of public school funds when I'm alone on the battlefield. On this one, we rolled out a great pkg (tell Eddy "thank you") but leggies said "no"... we tried, I'm not going to veto this and am perplexed as to why it seemed districts would have/should have and DID support our pkg initially, were curiously silent through all this, and now we'll be bombarded with cries of "don't veto Education - it's for the children".

I do feel I was thrown under the bus on this, we were used by legislators, some districts, and others on this, and I will not advocate for higher spending in this package, due to lack of support and advocacy from others.

When's the earliest to sign- and please put to rest today any threat of veto on this... It's not fair to schools or leggies for them to think I'm considering it and that we're playing games with this one. Thanks... We didn't do a presser on this to more appropriately explain our position, so pls have one sent out today that explains all this more fully- even if it has to sound like I'm eating crow, I'd like to be clear that I'm not vetoing the Educ Bill and it's up to leggies to fix any numbers that were pointed out to them that were incorrect.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 19:36:05

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: budget

We just completed about two hours with Kevin Meyer and Bert Stedman. They want to come together on an overall plan. I told them that it was our interest as well. I did pass along my significant frustration that I believe we did everything we could to work cooperatively with them and feel like we are getting nothing in return. I mentioned false statements, audits attempting to dig up dirt, our bills being held up

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and departments getting unnecessary disrespect. If we are going to work cooperatively, things need to change on their side. I think I got the message across and the reiterated their interest in working together. Privileg

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Anyway, Karen and I will be going back over our lists tomorrow and seeing if we can come up with the most critical items. We would like to talk about our own must have list for session sometime soon in order to keep the overall spending down.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:55 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Presser on budget

Did Comm do the presser on our budget message?

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 02:12:27

To:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Presser on budget

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Did we follow up press avail today with a press release so reporters would grasp more of the gist? Seems it's being reported as "we're forcing... wer're calling them in to make them explain... She's threatening a second veto now- this time with education"....

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:19 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Owen Appeal and Atty. Ralph Cashen

I agree, Randy. Thank you both.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 08:15:53

To:"Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Owen Appeal and Atty. Ralph Cashen

Thank you Talis.

I agree. If Mr. Cashen feels his client is innocent of murdering 19 year old Sonya Ivanoff he can file motions for post-conviction relief, new trial, whatever legal method is used in the courts and allowed under the law.

Also, the case made front page news and had some racial overtones. I think several rural legislators were very interested in the investigation and outcome of this case. The defendant was a non-native police officer, the victim was native, and troopers conducted the investigation. Some people in Nome were concerned whether the investigation and the trial would be conducted fairly. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Randy

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 2:20 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Subject: Owen Appeal and Atty. Ralph Cashen

Dear Governor Palin and Randy,

There is an attorney named Ralph Cashen who is trying to contact various people about his client former Nome Police officer Owen who was convicted of murder. He is appealing the conviction and is trying to re-open the investigation. He called me and wants to get me to have the troopers reopen the case because he has a "firm belief" of his client's innocence and believes the Governor would agree with him. He asked for my support to push for a new investigation and absent that my "permission" to talk to the Governor. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted . He is being told by my staff that I will not attempt to intervene in the case and that I cannot prevent him from talking to anyone including the Governor. So, he may call the Governor. He might imply he has my permission to do so because I have not attempted to stop him. Privileged or Personal Material Reda

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Talis

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 7:51 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Press awards

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 7:06 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Press

Sure thing.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Fri Mar 21 07:05:08 2008

Subject: Press

Sharon- I'll be in Anchorage office today if any reporters want to talk about any of the going's-on. Thanks!

(After noon Inuagural Lunch)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 7:15 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: FYI breakfast

Leggies, state staffers, too. That will allow me a shorter speech- to introduce them all.

------Original Message------

From: Kris Perry

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Mar 22, 2008 7:09 AM

Subject: FYI breakfast

A few days ago I requested a list of any dignitaries attending. As of yesterday, didn't receive and spoke w/Ray Dah - he said he only knows of Hickel but I'll keep my eye out.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 6:49 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Lunch

Yes-i doubt that actually happened. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 06:23:55

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Lunch

As we were going down in elevator, Sean told me that the guy went into to Gov's office to request mtg and were told that we do not meet w/the business community. I need to ask Sean the person's name again, as I don't recall and he wasn't in office when I ck'd yesterday. He did not know if it was Anc or Jnu but I have a hard time seeing something like that being said. Regardless, I told Sean I'd follow-up.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Sat Mar 22 06:18:13 2008

Subject: Fw: Lunch

What was the negative?

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From: Sean Parnell <Privileged or Personal >

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 23:06:33

To:'Perry's' <Privileged or Personal Ma>

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Subject: Lunch

Kris,

I just wanted to tell you again what a good job I thought you all did on the lunch. It concerned me that I passed along one negative query of a participant but failed to tell you that the other conversations were much better.

I think it was good to do the lunch. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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In any event, I thought the lunch was worthwhile and could provide a real useful starting point. Thanks, again, for all the work on this.

Sean

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 5:06 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: With changes

Importance: High

Did this go out? KTUU just reported again that I may veto Educ Bill because "it's not generous enough", pls make sure they have the correction by their 6pm news, and pls make sure print media has it.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 15:13:08

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: With changes

Governor Palin Reaffirms Budget Commitment

March 21, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - With just over three weeks left in the legislative session, Governor Sarah Palin today renewed her commitment to work with members of the legislature on responsible operating and capital budgets. In an effort to keep the public informed, Governor Palin has answered questions that have been at the center of the budget debate.

How do you feel about the changes proposed by House and Senate to your operating budget?

I am pleased that the House, Senate and Administration all agree that we must control the growth of government spending. As we developed our budget, we took a hard look at all areas of government spending to change the direction of the large increases in previous years. Our approach in working with the Legislature has been to welcome additional

ideas of how the State can be more efficient in serving Alaskans. By the end of session, I am confident that we will be able to say the Administration and Legislature both contributed to help achieve that common goal of controlling government spending.

Have you really added more than 1,000 new positions in your budget this year?

When we released our budget to the public and the Legislature on Dec. 10, we included a "true up" of existing state positions that had not been accounted for in previous administrations. We felt it was important to tell Alaskans the real number of state positions and not continue the practice of holding a large number of positions off the books. Our "true up" included more than 800 positions that already existed but were not reflected in the budget.

Various sources have suggested that your budget proposes to increase spending anywhere from 11 percent to 27 percent. Is this accurate?

When we released our budget on Dec. 10 we calculated our General Fund increase in government spending for operating, capital and supplemental budgets at 4 percent. Our budget includes all categories. We included items that we knew would require supplemental funding to reflect a more accurate comparison between the current year and next year's spending. In addition, we clearly reflected the amount of the oil tax credits but did not include the funds as agency spending. When determining the spending increase from year to year, Alaskans need to look at what is included or not included in the number.

What is your approach on the supplemental budget?

I have been consistent in that I do not believe the supplemental budget is the appropriate vehicle to build a capital budget. It is appropriate for operating or capital items to receive early or supplemental funding only due to extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances. Projects that do

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not meet this description should be included in a comprehensive capital budget.

The deadline for reviewing the supplemental budget (SB 256) is April 5, just 8 days prior to the end of session. During this time, I plan on frequent discussions with legislative leaders to work out a plan for total savings and an acceptable level of spending. I have also committed to meet with every legislator in an effort to improve communication, work in cooperation and learn about items important to their individual districts. A final decision regarding the supplemental budget will be made once we have had a chance to meet with legislators about their projects.

What is your intention for the school funding bill?
I intend to sign the bill. My goal has always been to provide multi-year funding in a level sufficient to provide predictability and stability to Alaska school districts. Certain legislators felt our adjustment to the base student allocation (BSA) was too high and that districts could manage with an increase of $100 BSA. We have been hearing recently from school districts that the amount appropriated to date is not sufficient. I also understand that legislators may provide some additional funds in FY2009 to help ensure the rising costs of labor and energy do not divert money from the classroom.

Given the revised revenue forecast increasing the amount of surplus available, have you changed your savings plan?
We are blessed to have significant budget surplus in the current year and projected for next year. The opportunity to put even more in savings than we anticipated in December is something all Alaskans support. That is why it is even more important to work with the Legislature on an overall spending plan for operating and capital budgets so that we can slow the growth of government, meet the needs of

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Alaskans and save for the future. Our goal is to save as much as possible in FY2008 and FY2009.

For more information about the Governor's Budget, please go to this Office of Management and Budget link.

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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 3:03 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Re: press release

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Subject: press release

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 10:19 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Todd Palin
Subject: FW: Email - FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 10:09 AM

To: mct@gci.net

Subject: RE: General_Administration

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:58 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Terri McNellis

address: P.O. Box 4943 Palmer AK 99645

907-745-4030

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,

I don't know if you remember me but I met you at Tim Thom's going away party. I used to teach at MCS. And we saw you before Christmas at Fred Meyer's and we said are you our esteemed governor and said we love you. I hope you are able to get this personally.

I want to tell you that you don't have to stoop to the likes of Dan Fagan. What he is

doing is simply slander which is sin! He also is either mad or jealous that you hired Sharon to work for you...that's when I notice a change. Remember it's his problem. He is a very small person that has become very arrogant and is headed for a big fall. Nobody gets away with stepping on others for long. He will have to give an account for what he is doing.

YOU walk to a different trumpet, so to speak. God's favor is moving you forward!!! You need to ignore the little people and those that try to pull you down. I believe that you are walking in God's perfect will and that you are right on target in His plan and purposes for you. He put you in this position for such a time as this!! We support you and believe that you will strive to do what's right and what is God's will for the state of Alaska!

We are praying for you and continue to support you...we pray for God's Best, FAVOR, and blessings on your life and your husband and family. Thank you for who you really are!

Sincerely, Terri McNellis

mct@gci.net

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 4:42 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: letters on proposal to sue leaseholders to produce

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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 9:12 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: Meeting this afternoon

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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 2:00 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Matt Yerbic Request

Governor - Matt Yerbic is requesting to meet with you personally. Matt is leaving Alaska Airlines and would like to discuss his future plans. Matt would fly up to JNU for the meeting. Thanks, Janice

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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 9:59 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Requests

Governor - Flowers will be delivered today as you had requested to Rep. Nelson and family from the Office of the Governor.

We have heard back from Secretary Gutierrez office and the Secretary has very limited hours in Alaska and is only stopping in Fairbanks at this time to meet with Senator Stevens. The Secretary is aware of the offer from the Governor to meet and will try for a quick visit the next time up. Janice

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 4:05 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Rural/Native

Well - I know the Governor Signs things for whoever asks - is there something in particular that he is asking for her to sign. I have not heard from him before - we always sign whatever they are asking...

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 3:45 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: FW: Rural/Native

Janice, what do you think? Should I write him back and say no, or do you think the Governor would be willing to sign something for him?

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:05 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Mr. Jim Gillespie

address: Box 481838 Charlotte NC 28269

MESSAGE:

Jim Gillespie

P.O. Box 481838

Charlotte, NC 28269-5316

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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello. Can you tell me if the Governor signs authentic autographs through the mail? I've written several times through the mail and then tried email. I've either received no reply or a pre-printed autograph. Now I live in North Carolina and wondered if a NC address would have less chance of receiving a reply. Should I try writing again? If so, please let me know. If genuine autographs aren't provided through the mail, I didn't want to keep wasting letters and stamps. Thanks for your time and your assistance. Keep up the good work. I hope to get back to my home state for a visit this year. Take care.

Regards,

Jim Gillespie

jagll@earthlink.net

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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 12:03 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Subject: FW: Thank You from Marti Nashoanak

Governor:

I think it was Frank who asked if you would send a condolence letter to Marti Nashoanak, who works in my department and with the Commissioner's office staff. She was brought to tears by your thoughtfulness and it meant a great deal to her and her extended family that you and Todd expressed your sorrow at the loss of her adult daughter.

She wanted to send a thank you to you and I told her I'd be glad to forward it on to you.

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From: Nashoanak, Martha L (DOA)
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Thank You

Governor Sarah Palin and family,

I've just received your wonderful letter of condolence.

I would like to thank you for walking with my family during this very difficult journey.

This journey would have been unbearable without the prayer and loving support from our family and friends.

Thank You!

Marti Nashoank

From the: Nashoanak, Hillman, Mercer, Johnson, Sanders, White, and Lawrence families

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 5:31 PM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Fw: supplemental

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 21:46:55

To:"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: supplemental

I spoke with Palmer's mayor yesterday. I went through the Valley projects that I know of in the supplemental- I can not find a reason to fund any of the ones I know of- and Lyda has NOT supported them until we got elected... "Of all the nerve" is right. We're getting comments esp pertaining to this request for new property aquisition for a very small group (four or five people perhaps) who want to start up a new Performing Arts council, despite having a very successful and community-supported Valley Performing Arts that's been in private sector operations for many years. Lyda's always been a personal contributor to VPA, and never supported govt support of the organization. She's doing this to put us in a corner. Same goes for the recyling center. And Huggins' $2million boy scouts camp? And all the other requests too, Mike, I just don't see them as state priorities.

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 13:16:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: supplemental

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Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 12:58 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: "forced decision"

What was Friday's decision re: when the timeline is to be shared with leggies and staffers so they can figure their special session dates?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 12:56 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Operating budget

Pls let me know when you find oput what all those positions were that were cut (besides the obvious- DPS and oil/gas). Again, I can't imagine advocating for increasing the operating budget from where leggies have reduced it. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 23:20:11

To:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Operating budget

What are the positions that leggies cut in operations, besides DPS and oil/gas? Pls advocate for those positions, but I can't imagine why we'd push for more new state employees outside those two areas, unless I'm missing something. AP reported we're asking them to restore 148 new positions? Outside the two areas, I don't support increasing what they cut.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 23:03:11

To:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: press release

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 14:38:58

To:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: press release

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Governor Palin Reaffirms Budget Commitment

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 12:52 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Statehood

Fyi for statehood folks, if someone from the committee will respond to him, I'll wait to hear back and not respond to him myself.

----- Original Message -----

From: Marty Mckeown <martymckeown@yahoo.com>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Fri Mar 21 19:43:36 2008

Subject: Statehood

Hello Sarah,

Remember me...pesky landlord of the wonderful Ms. Ivy Frye? I wanted to touch base with you in regards to the Silver Anniversary Celebration of Statehood. I know the Juneau Empire is running a story series and looking for folks to interview but I was wondering if you were doing a larger scale search or had a historian doing research on the early days of Statehood. The reason I ask is that my Grandfather was Hugh J. Wade, first Secretary of State, with Bill Egan. He was a great man and actually was asked to run the state directly after they were elected because Bill Egan became very sick for the first 6-8 months of Statehood. (So he was actually the first Governor...pretty cool eh?) Anyhow...my Mother, Sue McKeown, would be a great resource if you are indeed looking for some history and of course she would love to participate. We have a lot of Alaskan pride in our family and we would love to share it. She and my Dad actually had their wedding reception in the Governors Mansion the summer of 1959...I am not sure but I think they may be the only couple to have celebrated there. Please let me know of the plans to commemorate the big 50!

Anyways, congrats on the baby and I hope all is going well. I also hope you don't think this is to forward contacting via email...if so let me know and I will apologize.

Sincerely,

Marty McKeown

Alaskan

p.s. Can you squash all of those Capital Move bills for me? Not tonite...but by Monday would be great!? ;-)

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*http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 12:35 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Pls add yesterday: KBYR/KMBQ interview between small school and big school basketball tournaments.

Also add today- gasline updates, I'll be meeting with Oil and Gas/Bruce Anders before evening Juneau flt.

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 1:16 PM

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:46 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)
Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thank you. And does Walter travel? Or should we go there?

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From: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 16:06:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thanks. I will get you a copy of Harold Napoleon's book right away. I think Senator Dyson is feeling his age here. He reminds me of some other people in his age bracket who get grumpy and impatient, because they know the clock is running out - and they're passionate about getting something done. Fred has raised so many foster children of alcoholic parents. His heart is in the right place - and hopefully Randy Ruaro and I can sit down with him soon -- and talk about what the state can and can't do to make his vision a reality. He's in a big hurry to get started right away. But we need to make him understand that his vision would be better served by some good planning - and the right timing - which would be at AFN.

I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

In the meantime, I'll get Harold's book out to you in the mail.

Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM

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To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)

Cc: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Jollie, Tara L (CED); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com;
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Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

DRAFT:

NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

* Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.

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* Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

· to review the Commission's report

· to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

· to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

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* to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"

* to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

* 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
* 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
* 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he

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looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

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Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past – a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" – which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, *everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."*

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

* The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.

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* Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?

* All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.

* Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.

* Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.

* Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

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* Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.

* Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.

* A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.

* Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive - that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.

* Some say the scope of this task force should be limited - that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail -- that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.

* Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who

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would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:43 PM
To: *Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)*
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Janice- when is this meeting?

And yes, doors are open. Especially with Stedman in the room.

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Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:24:01

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Subject: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Governor-

Bill McAllister and Dave Donaldson have expressed an interest in attending the meeting tomorrow with Stedman, Wilson and Johansen. Is that still okay with you?

Sharon Leighow

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:18 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor *Palin's Increases*

Have Comm dept respond to this as soon as they can, and as sharply as possible so no wool is pulled over Alaska's eyes. We can't let this go unanswered.

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Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:07:52

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Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

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Sent: Mon Mar 24 22:58:46 2008

Subject: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:09 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:05 PM
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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 6:11 PM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 5:44 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

You bet

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:24:01

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Governor-

Bill McAllister and Dave Donaldson have expressed an interest in attending the meeting tomorrow with Stedman, Wilson and Johansen. Is that still okay with you?

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: for your approval

Thank you- looks good

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 11:58:56

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: for your approval

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE No. 08-041

Governor Palin Announces Board Appointments

March 24, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced appointments to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council, Alaska Retirement Management Board and Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Governor Palin appointed Mark Saldi of Skagway to the State Fishermen's Fund Board.

The six-member Council oversees the administration of the Fishermen's Fund and consults with the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development regarding negative decisions on appeals filed in relation to care of sick and disabled fishermen.

Saldi has been a commercial fisherman for 28 years, working in a variety of positions, including deckhand, mate and skipper, on many vessels in different fisheries around the state. He holds a Coast Guard 200-ton ocean master license and five commercial fisheries limited-entry permits. Saldi is a past member of Skagway's Economic Development Committee and Ports and Harbors Committee. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University. Saldi will serve a five-year term representing District 2.

Alaska Retirement Management Board

Governor Palin reappointed Martin Pihl of Ketchikan, Tom Richards of Fairbanks and Michael Williams of Anchorage to the Retirement Management Board.

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The nine-member Board is comprised of the commissioners of the Departments of Revenue and Administration and seven trustees appointed by the Governor who are professionally credentialed or have recognized competence in investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension, administration or actuarial analysis.

Pihl is a certified public accountant who is a public member of the Board. He is a past member of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp. and is the former president and general manager of Ketchikan Pulp Company. Pihl has served on a variety of community and state-level boards, including the Alaska State Pension Investment Board and the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Advisory Board. He is a former regent of Pacific Lutheran University and has served as a director of National Bank of Alaska. He currently is a member of the Wells Fargo Bank Alaska Statewide Advisory Board. Pihl earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington. He will serve a four-year term.

Richards has served on the state's Teachers' Retirement System Board for the past year. He is a lifelong Alaskan and 27-year educator in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Richards has served on the Northern Schools Federal Credit Union Board as well as on the Alaska Bond and Reimbursement Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Idaho and a master's in education from Western Oregon University. He will serve a four-year term.

Williams, who works as an auditor with the Alaska Department of Revenue, fills a union seat on the board. He is a professional accountant and is certified by the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plans and also by the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and German and a master's in professional accountancy, both from Weber State University. He will serve a four-year term.

Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute

Governor Palin appointed David Totemoff Sr., of the Prince William Sound community of Tatitlek, to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

The Institute is administered by the Prince William Sound & Technology Institute located in Cordova. Its purpose is to identify and develop the best available techniques, equipment and materials for dealing with oil spills in the Arctic and subarctic marine environment and to complement federal and state damage-assessment efforts and determine, document, assess and understand the long-range effects of Arctic or subarctic oil spills.

Totemoff is a senior Native leader. He is 100 percent Aleut and is a lifelong Alaskan with 15 years of commercial fishing experience. Since 1976, he has been employed with BP on the North Slope. He serves as BP's community liaison to the Prince William Sound area, and is also on the board of directors for Chugach Alaska Corp.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:43 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: FW: Oil&Gas

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:11 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Robert Ralls

address: 37635 Spring Court Sterling AK 99672

907-260-9772

MESSAGE:

A few weeks ago I contracted your press secretary and voiced my concern for the price of fuel here on the Kenai Peninsula. she stated that she would get back to me with an answer, I have not received any reply and I really would like to know why the prices here on the Peninsula are higher, when we have a refinery located near by where as we get our fuel. I would like an answer to this question>

Thank You

Robert Ralls

rralls@alaska.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:41 PM
To: Ivy personal; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Lyman Hoffman

Watch the crazy games they'll play in these budget votes on the floor-(see email below)- ya wonder how long they can get away with these actions before we, or the press, or the public, does something about their untruthful words and actions. Up next will be their education funding bill actions that will attempt to look like they had to "fix" our funding plan- when the districts find out what they'll actually be adopting they will be back again next year asking for more $$$, which I was trying to avoid. At least next year I'll be able to say: Nope, you got what you got and I got no help from you as I tried to forward-fund education. So I won't be the advocate for increased public school funding next year- we tried.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:32 PM
To: 'fishingketchikan@kpunet.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:19 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ken Teune

address: PO Box 793 Ward Cove AK 99928

907-247-8488

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

All of us who have signed below are writing you to express our strong support for a fixed annual allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds of halibut in Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds of halibut in Area 3A for charter fishing off Alaska. Sport caught fish is one of Alaska's most value-added resources, and contributes tens of millions of dollars to the economies of coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds – only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska – is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

The charter industry differs from the commercial industry in that it depends on stability and advance notice of rulesmost clients book their trips a year out. Charter operators cannot significantly increase or decrease capacity from year to year to adjust to annual increases or decreases in allocation. They simply can't build more rooms or put more people on a boat they don't have, any more than they can afford to mothball rooms or boats they do have. The charter fleet is also different from the commercial fleet because they do not sell pounds of fish, they sell a fishing experience, which is based on client expectations of the opportunity to catch fish. To remain competitive in the global marketplace, Alaskan charter operators need to reliably offer their clients the opportunity to catch two halibut a day, something they have traditionally been able to do for decades.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has adopted numerous different management regimes for fisheries off Alaska. Each is tailored to best meet the needs of that particular fishing industry segment. The Council needs to adopt a management scheme that makes sense for the charter industry, and should not adopt measures simply because they mirror how the commercial fleet is managed. A fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A will provide certainty and stability for both the charter industry and the commercial industry. It will also ensure that the State, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NMFS, and the commercial and charter industry participants won't have to devote significant time and resources to annual changes in halibut regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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Name

Company

Signature

Ken Teune

Northern Lights Charters

Kenneth P. Teune

fishingketchikan@kpunet.net

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Jollie; Tara L (CED); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Privileged or Person
Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

> DRAFT:
> NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL
> March 21, 2008
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> BACKGROUND
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> Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.
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> Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:
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> - Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.
> - Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.
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> THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:
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> - to review the Commission's report
> - to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

- to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

- to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"
- to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

- 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
- 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
- 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of

Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this *trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.*

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past – a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" – which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

- The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.
- Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?
- All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.
- Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.
- Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.
- Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

- Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.
- Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.
- A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.
- Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive – that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.
- Some say the scope of this task force should be limited – that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail -- that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.
- Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:02 PM
To: gmoerlein@gci.net
Subject: RE: SB 176/ HB 256

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: gmoerlein@gci.net [mailto:gmoerlein@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:20 AM
To: Bunde, Con (LAA); Bob Lynn; Hawker, Mike (LAA); Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: SB 176/ HB 256

I urge passage this session of these bills which will deter ballot box game management. Our fish and game resources are best managed by professionals not by hysteria. The public has ample opportunity to voice their opinions at Board meetings and by petitioning the governor and legislators regarding people selected for the Boards.

George Moerlein
7300 O'Malley - 99507

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:58 PM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Budget

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 7:16 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. TIMOTHY TILSWORTH

address: 1900 RAVEN DRIVE FAIRBANKS AK 99709

907-479-0643

MESSAGE:

FYI

A POM was successfully sent

From:

Timothy Tilsworth

To:

All Legislators

Subject

The message was sent in reference to:

Supplemental Appropriations

Message

The message contained the following text:

Supplemental Capital Budget

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ABSOLUTE NONSENSE - support the Governor.

fftt@uaf.edu

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:52 PM
To: valleymoosetrack@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Public_Safety

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 10:55 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Ms. Valerie Luczak

address: 2242 East Carney Road Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

In this season of Hope and Renewal, Easter and Ester(Purim) I would like to request a state resolution sent to the federal government that Alaska wants diplomacy and not a premptive nuclear attack on Iran (as seems to be 'the plan' and looms over us who have no say). I also ask this on a selfish note, as we are in close proximity to their most powerful ally, Russia, and cannot be assured that retailiatory actions won't be taken upon our beloved state, it's people and resources. I wrote something similar to the legislators in a POM today as well. I think it time we, as a state, voice outrage at the killing of innocent civilians, wherever they might be, and work worldwide for diplomatic answers to seemingly impossible situations. I am a person of faith, in the Presence, and feel it is time for us to stand together for peace and the health of the planet and it's inhabitants. We must make a concerted effort to eliminate GREED, and attempt to share responsibility with our fellow 'ear

thlings'. Happy Easter 2008, Valerie Luczak

valleymoosetrack@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:46 PM
To: shalini_hanspal@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Environment

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 2:08 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Environment

Web mail from: Ms. Shalini Aguilera

address: 1301 Medfra Street, Unit B, Anchorage AK 99501

6468987671

MESSAGE:

Your quote above this page states that you would welcome ALL comments, concerns, ideas, and questions. Therefore, I would appreciate if you not only welcomed what I am about to say, but gave it serious thought and responded.

I have read things about you that I find are completely irresponsible in this day and age. I have read that you are one of the biggest opponents of the wellbeing of wolves and other wildlife, in favor of oil (which to me just sounds like you favor cash). I have read that you elected one of your high school coaches to sit on the Board of Game. You have introduced legislation that will deny anyone in favor of protecting wildlife the right to vote in your own state. Can you sit back and honestly tell me that this is the work of a responsible politician?

I am someone who has a deep love and connection to the wolf in particular, as well as all of wildlife. I do not believe that humans should be termed a superior species and therefore be given sole rights to the world, and neither do I support a select few to do so. Have you ever seen a wolf being shot at from the air? It doesn't die immediately, being such a strong and willful creature. Neither is it allowed to recuperate, despite its immense stamina. Is it really that entertaining to you, to watch a living being run into exhaustion by a bunch of pompous "hunters" from a helicopter that laugh at it as it bleeds its heart out? Does that not bother you? Would you allow it if say, a human was in that wolf's place? Would you change your mind if it was you?

I know what a majority of misguided people think. They say that animals don't feel pain, don't comprehend emotions, don't have a consciousness. I say it is all completely wrong. We are not an exception to this world, unless you count our stupidity. All animals feel, and to a great extent - it's a necessity for survival. If they didn't feel pain, they wouldn't try so hard to live.

I also believe that when people talk of wildlife management, they assume that means you just kill any quota of animals you find. I say it's wrong. There are many species that have a certain social dynamic in their given groups. A wolf pack functions with one or two leaders. The loss of that or those leaders is devastating to the pack, who are then thrust into confusion until someone else is able to take over.

I don't know how much of what I say will actually get through to you, but I refuse to stand by and allow you to commit such a grave and completely irrational mistake.

Sincerely

Shalini Aguilera

shalini_hanspal@hotmail.com

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:20 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Cruise ship General permit

I recieved a briefing this morning from commissioner Hartig and his staff regarding the general permit for cruise ship discharges. It is going to be issued and released later today or tommorrow.

The department is siding with the unitiative sponsors and not allowing a mixing zone. They are, however, going to utilize a compliance schedule to try and accommodate the reality that the ships cannot possibly retrofit their vessels this season. Gershon Cohen acknowledged the need to be reasonable in a meeting with the department two weeks ago.

The heart of this debate comes down to the design of the State's water quality regulations. They are calibrated for ambient conditions...which is the condition the water would be in after dilution. Basically, this is a back-door effort to wage war on mixing zones. Let me explain.

The cruise ships do not persently have the technology to discharge water quality standard water at the end of the pipe. That would require that the water in the pipe is good enough for fish to swim in. Gershon wants the Cruise industry to spend the money that it will take to meet those standards. He believes they are making enough profit to cover those expenditures. Once the cruise industry has proven up that technology, he wants to move on to other industries.

Here's the problem with that approach. The cruisers contend that they will not make the investment necessary to meet the standards. Instead, they will take the ships outside of state waters and discharge freely out in the gulf. This will result in less time in communities and have a negative economic impact. That will, in turn, result in southeast legislators supporting changes to the law later on...presumably as soon as next session. Of course they would like to do it this session.

With all this as context, the general permit will contain a compliance schedule that will allow the ships to operate as-is this year, but will require progressive steps in future years. It is possible that the industry will react very negatively. The enviros may react negatively, but may not.

The department intends to issue a positive press release and fact sheet. Again, that will be later today or tommorrow. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Joe

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:29 AM
To: 'lostinalaska@gci.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 6:00 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Kevin Burchfield

address: 7701 N. Douglas Hwy Juneau AK 99801

907.789.2269

MESSAGE:

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

I am writing you to express my strong support for a fixed annual allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds of halibut in Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds of halibut in Area 3A for charter fishing off Alaska. Sport caught fish is one of Alaska's most value-added resources, and contributes tens of millions of dollars to the economies of coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds – only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska – is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

The charter industry differs from the commercial industry in that it depends on stability and advance notice of rules—most clients book their trips a year out. Charter operators cannot significantly increase or decrease capacity from year to year to adjust to annual increases or decreases in allocation. They simply can't build more rooms or put more people on a boat they don't have, any more than they can afford to mothball rooms or boats they do have. The charter fleet is also different from the commercial fleet because they do not sell pounds of fish; they sell a fishing experience, which is based on client expectations of the opportunity to catch fish. To remain competitive in the global marketplace, Alaskan charter operators need to reliably offer their clients the opportunity to catch two halibut a day, something they have traditionally been able to do for decades.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has adopted numerous different management regimes for fisheries off Alaska. Each is tailored to best meet the needs of that particular fishing industry segment. The Council needs to adopt a management scheme that makes sense for the charter industry, and should not adopt measures simply because they mirror how the commercial fleet is managed. A fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A will provide certainty and stability for both the charter industry and the commercial industry. It will also ensure that the State, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NMFS, and the commercial and charter industry participants won't have to devote significant time and resources to annual changes in halibut regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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Capt. J. Kevin Burchfield

Owner/Guide

Lost In Alaska Adventures

lostinalaska@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:27 AM
To: bayless@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 6:57 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Jeff Bayless

address: 234 E. Eagle Ave Palmer AK 99645

907.841.8554

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I am and have been the captain in charge of the airport heights fire station (station three) of the Anchorage Fire Department. It is my understanding that replacement funding for it is currently included in the supplemental budget.

In the event it makes it to your desk I request that you support its replacement by allowing it to remain in the budget. I recognize that it is both a large amount of money (for the city) and at the same time relatively small.

Fire station three is 45 years old and while it has been well cared for by the crews and maintained by the city it presents ongoing maintenance challenges which will require extensive and expensive work to resolve.

With our additional tasking as the USAR station for the city and tri-borough area we need additional space for apparatus and the associated gear and equipment which is currently housed in different places.

Thank You for your support.

bayless@mtaonline.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:15 AM
To: Busch; Sharon K (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Elections

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 5:40 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Brett Fuller

address: 8204 John Mosby Hwy Boyce VA 22620

540-837-1086

MESSAGE:

As a staunch supporter of the Republican Party & Sen. John McCain, it is my belief that you would add much to the GOP Ticket! Here's hoping you'll consider the V.P. position if offered. Also, what are the chances of getting an autographed picture? If possible, send to:

Big Daddy Detail & Auto Sales, Inc.

Attention: R. Brett Fuller

8204 John Mosby Hwy

Boyce, Virginia 22620

Any fees required or postage will gladly be accepted!!

P.S. Great names for your children! I have a son named Ridge.

bgdaddy232@verizon.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:03 AM
To: jleerex@matnet.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 11:00 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Gerald Rexrode

address: POB 870725 Wasilla AK 99687

907-373-7799

MESSAGE:

The Honorable Governor Sarah Palin:

I have (or had) made up my mind not to vote for another Republican candidate in this great state of ours (so okay, other than supporting you) so long as the ethically challenged Randy Ruedrich remains at the head of the Republican Party of Alaska.

I maintain my stance on that issue.

I may, however, change my mind on that score to a limited extent now that our Lieutenant Governor, Sean Parnell, with your backing and support (thank you very much) has come out and challenged our excuse for a Congressman, Don Young.

Thank you once again for your willingness to stand up for what you believe in and for what you think is right and proper.

We need changes in the Republican Party of Alaska.

Serious changes, beginning with leadership.

High time to move the old guard out.

Thank you very much,

Gerald Rexrode

Wasilla

jleerex@matnet.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:10 AM
To: glennair@alaska.com
Subject: RE: Education

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 9:22 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Doug Glenn

address: P.O Box 1924 palmer AK 99645

907-232-5685

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah I am a huge supporter of yours but am having trouble swalowing this budget. Its entirely to much. We need to can about 40 percent of our state employees. that would be a good start. Privatise everything we can. You need to study New zelands reform government. It worked. If I can be of any assistance to you please call me sincerly Doug Glenn.

glennair@alaska.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 9:38 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: David Bunnell

address: P.O. Box 728 Sterling AK 99672

907-262-7909

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

I have lived in Alaska since 1971, I am 63 years old and I am so proud of the job you are doing. Please do not let the lawmakers have any slack, if they can't truly justify their supplemental budget requests then VETO them as you promised. Don't back up an inch, if you do, they will just keep pressing you until they find that you will eventually cave and go along with them on this and future things of the same nature.

I can not describe how good it feels to have someone like you leading us. My hat is off to your parents for instilling into you what is right and wrong and for you to believe in yourself when making those tough decisions that have to be made.

I would like to suggest that the money in the PFD be used to build the gas line and that all of us become owners with a proportionate ownership of the profits.

Try to ignore Dan Fagen, he is just an outsider that is trying to make a name for himself here where he could not do it elsewhere. =)

Congratulations on your baby to be.

Keep up the good work and don't give'm any slack.

Respectfully yours, David Bunnell

dbunnell@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:35 PM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Please let others know...

From: Myrna Brown [mailto:mbrown@ccthita.org]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:08 PM
To: nicole.hallingstad@sealaska.com; Ella Bennett; Thea Brown; kate.kokotovich@sealaska.com; gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; Kathy Miller; peter@kootznoowoo.com; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Andrew Ebona; Alfred McKinley, Sr.; Donnelly, Bernice M (EED); bobloescher@gci.net; Brad Fluetsch; bethel@gci.net; Connie Munro; Chris McNeil; carolee.martin@searhc.org; dcadiente@gci.net; Brown, Darrell (HAL); Don Bremner; Corpuz, Elena (DOA); Ethel Lund; Gomez, Shelly (HSS); gastineau_eagles@jsd.k12.ak.us; Ishmael Hope; jfjil; Judy Mason; Kolvig, Keitha J (ACS); Maureen Brown; Michele Metz; Miller, Mary E (DOL); makookesh@hotmail.com; memartin@gci.net; marietta.hopkins@sealaska.com; Norman Sarabia; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Jackson, Patsy A; Ronald Williams; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Renee Culp; Sue Ann Lindoff; Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Vicki Soboleff; Diane Carrier
Subject: Please let others know...

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska proudly announces the next Native Issues Forum scheduled for this coming Wednesday, March 26th featuring Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of Juneau Schools and Native Education Committee member and Elder Selina Everson. We've contacted our legislators and staff encouraging their representation to this important educational forum. Please share with others.

Thank you so much; have a great day!

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:41 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: NWBC Engage! March 2008 Issue

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Council Hosts Successful Town Hall Meet Columbus

On March 12 in Columbus, Ohio, the National Womer held the first of three town hall meetings for women scheduled for 2008. The free event, which attracted participants, provided an opportunity for the Council to hear population of women business owners who may not be involv public policy process. The Council will hold similar town hall Texas on April 3 and Boca Raton, Florida on May 14. Visit ww information or to register.

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Council Discusses 2008 Priorities at Mee

On March 13, the Council held a semi-annual meetin of The Longaberger Company in Newark, Ohio followi Town Hall Meeting. The meeting was hosted by Cour Longaberger at her company headquarters in order to mark Chair. During the meeting, Longaberger presided over the s Council members. In addition, the Council discussed the stat procurement, reviewed recent projects and discussed plans f

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Comment Period Extended on Women-O Business Contracting Rule

The U.S. Small Business Administration has reopenec

on the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures (72 FR 73285) proposed rule. The original comment period was from December 27, 2007, through February 25, 2008, but the SBA reopened the comment period until March 31, 2008 to accommodate the great level of interest that the proposed rule has generated.

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NWBC to Participate in Procurement Conference

NWBC once again will be participating in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) 18th Annual Procurement Conference at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland on April 24, 2008. The national one-day conference is geared to fostering business partnerships between the Federal government, prime contractors, and small, minority, veteran-owned, HubZone, and women-owned businesses.

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Small Business Week Events Scheduled for April

The Small Business Administration will mark National Small Business Week 2008 from April 21-25. Beginning with three days of events in Washington, D.C., the SBA will recognize more than 100 outstanding business owners from across the country. On April 24th, following DC-based events, Small Business Week will move to New York City, where SBA will participate in the closing bell ceremony at NASDAQ to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Women's Business Ownership Act (HR. 5050), which established NWBC and the Women's Business Center program. NWBC will then serve as a host of a reception following the event, "Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs," along with other women's business organizations and corporate partners.

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March is Women's History Month

The Council, along with several other government agencies, will be celebrating Women's History Month at a special event on March 27 in Washington, DC. The event, entitled *Women Making History...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, is being organized by the National Women's History Month Inter-agency Committee. The program will include workshops on finance and career development, agency displays, and keynote remarks from Ms. Shinae Chun, Director of the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Women of Courage Honored on International Women's Day

Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula J. Dobriansky honored eight women with 2008 International Women of Courage Awards on March 10th, International Women's Day. Later that day, President and Mrs. Bush also honored the award winners at the White House at a ceremony attended by women members of Congress and cabinet members. NWBC Executive Director Margaret Barton attended both events.

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SBA Launches Online Contracting Course

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently launched a free online course called *Business Opportunities: A Guide to Winning Federal Contracts*. The instructional, self-paced guide, available on SBA's Website at www.sba.gov/training, is designed for all small businesses, especially women entrepreneurs and small firms in underserved markets that have historically had difficulty in tapping into federal contract markets. The course provides information about the $400 billion federal market, contract rules, and most importantly, where to find contract opportunities and how to sell to the government.

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Office of Advocacy Identifies Regulations Needing Reform

As part of its Regulatory Review and Reform (r3) initiative, the SBA Office of Advocacy recently announced the 2008 Top 10 Rules for Review and Reform. The Top 10 are drawn from over 80 rules nominated by small business owners and their representatives and recommendations for addressing these rules have been transmitted to the appropriate federal agencies. Making the Top 10 is a recommendation to simplify the home office business deduction.

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SBA Announces Emerging 200 Cities

On March 11, the Small Business Administration announced the selection of 11 cities to participate in the Emerging 200 initiative, a jobs and growth stimulation effort targeting promising inner-city small businesses. The designated cities are Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Albuquerque, New Orleans, Des Moines and Oakland. The initiative will enable entrepreneurs from 200 small, inner-city companies to participate in an intensive and comprehensive curriculum focused on developing winning, local strategies and attracting capital to fuel growth.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:33 PM

To: Bernhardt-Mattingly; Katherine (DFG)

Subject: RE: fundraiser for state employee

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Bernhardt-Mattingly, Katherine (DFG)
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:15 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: fundraiser for state employee

We would like to invite you for an All you can eat Spaghetti feed and auction.
Susan George (Ritter/Markovich family) (works for the Alaska dept of Fish and Game) has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment in Seattle. Join us in supporting Susan during this time of need.

Moose Family Center April 5th, 2008
5:30-8:00 pm

Adults $10.00
Child (6-12) $5.00
Children 5 and under, FREE

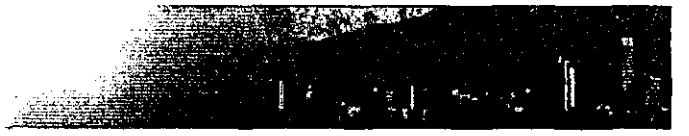
Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!!!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Don't Miss WTCAK Luncheon "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Don't Miss WTCAK Luncheon "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

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ALASKA



World Trade Center Alaska Monthly Luncheon

April 2, 2008

Karl Hanneman
Manager of Public and Environmental Affairs and Special Projects,
Teck- Cominco
President of Council of Alaskan Producers

Topic "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

Where: Wells Fargo Bank, Headquarters Building (Northern Lights and "C" Fifth Floor

Time: 12 noon (doors open 11:45 am)

Fee:
$20 WTCAK Members
$25 Non-Members
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Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Three recent Juneau Road items (by legislators and the Mayor of Ketchikan) that are well worth reading

I hope you will factor these important materials into your thinking about the Juneau Road:

1) A bipartisan letter from six legislators to the House Finance Committee asking the Committee Co-Chairs to re-appropriate money currently dedicated to the Juneau Road project to the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund (AS 19.65.060) – attached,
2) A detailed letter from the Mayor of Ketchikan to the ADOT & PF Commissioner expressing his concerns about the lack of candor and objectivity shown by DOT officials in their testimony on February 26 before the Senate Transportation Committee at its "Financial Oversight Hearing on the Juneau Road Project" – attached, and
3) The opinion piece, below, by Senator Elton in the Juneau Empire regarding DOT's use of statistics in that same hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Story last updated at 3/12/2008 - 9:39 am

My Turn: Transportation department road stats fail to illuminate

By Kim Elton | Juneau Empire

Pat Kemp, a good public servant and vocal Lynn Canal road advocate for many years, mentioned my Feb. 29 newsletter in his recent opinion piece. Here's what the 1,175 newsletter subscribers read:

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is losing street cred faster than Idaho Sen. Larry Craig.

The transportation department's credibility problem arises because some managers use statistics the way Vin Scully says a drunk uses a lamp post. The value of a lamp post to the inebriated is it props you up. But for policy makers the real value should be illumination.

The transportation department pooh-bahs are not tipplers but neither are they fully committed to using statistics for illumination. Let's review the statistics they used advocating for the Lynn Canal road to a new ferry terminal opposite Haines.

Transportation department statistic 1: (Ferry system) costs over 12 years are equivalent to about six Juneau Access projects. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: Comparing the proposed Lynn Canal road costs to the cost of the entire ferry system over 12 years is no more appropriate than comparing the costs of the entire state highway system over 12 years to the cost of a new ferry.

Transportation department statistic 2: The number of vehicle miles traveled on the ferry system is 0.5 percent of vehicle miles on state roads. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: The huge majority of vehicle miles on state roads is commuter traffic in Alaska's big cities. Ferries go from town to town, not downtown to the suburbs.

Transportation department statistic 3: The cost per vehicle mile on the highways is far less than the cost per vehicle mile on the marine highway system. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: So what? This is, at best, a meaningless figure and at worst purposefully misleading. Ferries don't have the tens and tens and tens of thousands of daily vehicle miles that accrue because of the intra-urban state roads that move big city commuters. Ferries don't do drags like Egan Expressway, the A-C couplet, Tudor, Dimond, or O'Malley, or all the other Anchorage and Fairbanks state roads that move drivers from home to job and job to the grocery store. Massive numbers from commuter volume obviously distort any cost comparisons with ferries that don't serve commuters.

Transportation department statistic 4: The projected inflation rate used to help support the estimated $350 million road cost is 4 percent per year over the course of a 12-year construction period. My reaction to this statistical lamp post: Remember, this third of a billion dollar cost estimate, based on 4 percent inflation for the next 12 years, comes from the same folks who estimated the cost of the one-mile Third Avenue project in Ketchikan at $6 million while the final cost was four times that.

I'm especially aggrieved by transportation department statistic 4. On a Tuesday, transportation department officials projected yearly inflation for the Lynn Canal Highway over 12 years will be 4 percent. On the day after, they testified in support of a $1 billion endowment for future road projects by noting inflation was 80 percent for paving and 60 percent for earthmoving in the past seven years.

Let's repeat this: Transportation department folks touted a theoretical 4 percent inflation rate in support of the road, but the next day they touted a real inflation rate of 10 percent-plus to convince us to back $1 billion for future, unspecified, road spending. It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes, known for cracking the 7 percent solution caper, to intuit there may be mischief afoot with the transportation department's situational statistics.

Transportation department officials lose street cred (in this case, road cred) massaging statistics to suit the advocacy on proposals adding up to $1.35 billion ($1 billion for the transportation project fund and $350 million-plus for the road). That's a lot of money - 1.35 billion seconds ago it was 1942.

When we deal with that much money let's find statistics that illuminate. The lamp posts and the lamps are supposed to light the way, not just prop us up.

• Kim Elton, D-Juneau, is an Alaska state senator.

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Subject: Fw: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Fyi- Rhonda's a great one to help pull this together:

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:46:12

To:"Rhonda (GOV) McBride" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thank you. And does Walter travel? Or should we go there?

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From: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 16:06:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thanks. I will get you a copy of Harold Napoleon's book right away. I think Senator Dyson is feeling his age here. He reminds me of some other people in his age bracket who get grumpy and impatient, because they know the clock is running out - and they're passionate about getting something done. Fred has raised so many foster children of alcoholic parents. His heart is in the right place - and hopefully Randy Ruaro and I can sit down with him soon -- and talk about what the state can and can't do to make his vision a reality. He's in a big hurry to get started right away. But we need to make him understand that his vision would be better served by some good planning - and the right timing - which would be at AFN.

I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

In the meantime, I'll get Harold's book out to you in the mail.

Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM

To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)

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Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

DRAFT:

NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

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Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

* Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.

* Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

· to review the Commission's report

· to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

· to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

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Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

* to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"

* to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

* 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
* 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
* 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

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This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past - a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" - which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

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Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

* The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.

* Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?

* All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.

* Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.

* Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.

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* Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

* Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.

* Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.

* A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.

* Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive - that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.

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* Some say the scope of this task force should be limited – that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail -- that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.

* Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Subject: for your approval

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **No. 08-041**

Governor Palin Announces Board Appointments

March 24, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced appointments to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council, Alaska Retirement Management Board and Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Governor Palin appointed Mark Saldi of Skagway to the State Fishermen's Fund Board.

The six-member Council oversees the administration of the Fishermen's Fund and consults with the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development regarding negative decisions on appeals filed in relation to care of sick and disabled fishermen.

Saldi has been a commercial fisherman for 28 years, working in a variety of positions, including deckhand, mate and skipper, on many vessels in different fisheries around the state. He holds a Coast Guard 200-ton ocean master license and five commercial fisheries limited-entry permits. Saldi is a past member of Skagway's Economic Development Committee and Ports and Harbors Committee. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University. Saldi will serve a five-year term representing District 2.

Alaska Retirement Management Board

Governor Palin reappointed Martin Pihl of Ketchikan, Tom Richards of Fairbanks and Michael Williams of Anchorage to the Retirement Management Board.

The nine-member Board is comprised of the commissioners of the Departments of Revenue and Administration and seven trustees appointed by the Governor who are professionally credentialed or have recognized competence in investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension, administration or actuarial analysis.

Pihl is a certified public accountant who is a public member of the Board. He is a past member of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp. and is the former president and general manager of Ketchikan Pulp Company. Pihl has served on a variety of community and state-level boards, including the Alaska State Pension Investment Board and the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Advisory Board. He is a former regent of Pacific Lutheran University and has served as a director of National Bank of Alaska. He currently is a member of the Wells Fargo Bank Alaska Statewide Advisory Board. Pihl earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington. He will serve a four-year term.

Richards has served on the state's Teachers' Retirement System Board for the past year. He is a lifelong Alaskan and 27-year educator in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Richards has served on the Northern Schools Federal Credit Union Board as well as on the Alaska

Bond and Reimbursement Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Idaho and a master's in education from Western Oregon University. He will serve a four-year term.

Williams, who works as an auditor with the Alaska Department of Revenue, fills a union seat on the board. He is a professional accountant and is certified by the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plans and also by the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and German and a master's in professional accountancy, both from Weber State University. He will serve a four-year term.

Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute

Governor Palin appointed David Totemoff Sr., of the Prince William Sound community of Tatitlek, to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

The Institute is administered by the Prince William Sound & Technology Institute located in Cordova. Its purpose is to identify and develop the best available techniques, equipment and materials for dealing with oil spills in the Arctic and subarctic marine environment and to complement federal and state damage-assessment efforts and determine, document, assess and understand the long-range effects of Arctic or subarctic oil spills.

Totemoff is a senior Native leader. He is 100 percent Aleut and is a lifelong Alaskan with 15 years of commercial fishing experience. Since 1976, he has been employed with BP on the North Slope. He serves as BP's community liaison to the Prince William Sound area, and is also on the board of directors for Chugach Alaska Corp.

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Subject: Please let others know...

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska proudly announces the next Native Issues Forum scheduled for this coming Wednesday, March 26th featuring Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of Juneau Schools and Native Education Committee member and Elder Selina Everson. We've contacted our legislators and staff encouraging their representation to this important educational forum. Please share with others.

Thank you so much; have a great day!

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Cc: Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Subject: RE: + Lieutenant Governor Parnell email +

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:50 PM

To: Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored)

Subject: + Lieutenant Governor Parnell email +

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**** Begin Submission ****

Firstname: Susan

Lastname: Denison

City: Anchorage

Email: susan@hrumbrella.com

Topic: Workforce Development/Training

Message: Please see my letter of resignation from AWIB. Thank you

March 24, 2008

Commissioner, DOL, Click Bishop

Chairman, AWIB, Andy Baker

Department of Labor & Workforce Development

1016 W. 6th Ave, Ste 105

Anchorage, AK 99501

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Sincerely,

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Action: Send Email

**** End Submission ****

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:38 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Phone Message - Mon., 03.24.08

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:03 PM
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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:08 PM

To: nicole.hallingstad@sealaska.com; Ella Bennett; Thea Brown; kate.kokotovich@sealaska.com; gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; Kathy Miller; peter@kootznoowoo.com; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Andrew Ebona; Alfred McKinley; Sr.; Donnelly; Bernice M (EED); bobloescher@gci.net; Brad Fluetsch; bethel@gci.net; Connie Munro; Chris McNeil; carolee.martin@searhc.org; dcadiente@gci.net; Brown; Darrell (HAL); Don Bremner; Corpuz; Elena (DOA); Ethel Lund; Gomez; Shelly (HSS); gastineau_eagles@jsd.k12.ak.us; Ishmael Hope; jfjll; Judy Mason; Kolvig; Keitha J (ACS); Maureen Brown; Michele Metz; Miller; Mary E (DOL); makookesh@hotmail.com; memartin@gci.net; marietta.hopkins@sealaska.com; Norman Sarabia; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Jackson; Patsy A; Ronald Williams; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Renee Culp; Sue Ann Lindoff; Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Vicki Soboleff; Diane Carrier

Subject: Please let others know...

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska proudly announces the next Native Issues Forum scheduled for this coming Wednesday, March 26th featuring Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of Juneau Schools and Native Education Committee member and Elder Selina Everson. We've contacted our legislators and staff encouraging their representation to this important educational forum. Please share with others.

Thank you so much; have a great day!

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From: McBride, Rhonda (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RMFAUBION]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 4:06 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: RE: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thanks. I will get you a copy of Harold Napoleon's book right away. I think Senator Dyson is feeling his age here. He reminds me of some other people in his age bracket who get grumpy and impatient, because they know the clock is running out – and they're passionate about getting something done. Fred has raised so many foster children of alcoholic parents. His heart is in the right place – and hopefully Randy Ruaro and I can sit down with him soon -- and talk about what the state can and can't do to make his vision a reality. He's in a big hurry to get started right away. But we need to make him understand that his vision would be better served by some good planning – and the right timing – which would be at AFN.

I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

In the meantime, I'll get Harold's book out to you in the mail.

Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM
To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Jollie, Tara L (CED); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Privileged or Person
Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

DRAFT:

NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

- Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.
- Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

- to review the Commission's report
- to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.
- to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

- to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"
- to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

- 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
- 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
- 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died -- the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book – that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past – a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" – which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

- The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.
- Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?
- All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.
- Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.
- Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.
- Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

- Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.
- Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.
- A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.
- Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive – that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.

- Some say the scope of this task force should be limited – that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail – that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.

- Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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8/25/2009

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:25 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Rural/Native

I have emailed Mr. Gillespie saying that we are able to send photo (I have some down here). I will wait until he replies back confirming his mailing address. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:18 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: RE: Rural/Native

Janice,

We usually send pictures, do you want me to bring a unsigned picture for her to sign for him??

Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 4:05 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: Rural/Native

Well - I know the Governor Signs things for whoever asks - is there something in particular that he is asking for her to sign. I have not heard from him before - we always sign whatever they are asking...

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 3:45 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: FW: Rural/Native

Janice, what do you think? Should I write him back and say no, or do you think the Governor would be willing to sign something for him?

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:05 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Mr. Jim Gillespie

address: Box 481838 Charlotte NC 28269

MESSAGE:

Jim Gillespie

P.O. Box 481838

Charlotte, NC 28269-5316

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello. Can you tell me if the Governor signs authentic autographs through the mail? I've written several times through the mail and then tried email. I've either received no reply or a pre-printed autograph. Now I live in North Carolina and wondered if a NC address would have less chance of receiving a reply. Should I try writing again? If so, please let me know. If genuine autographs aren't provided through the mail, I didn't want to keep wasting letters and stamps. Thanks for your time and your assistance. Keep up the good work. I hope to get back to my home state for a visit this year. Take care.

Regards,

Jim Gillespie

jag11@earthlink.net

Unknown

From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:20 PM
To: Tom Irwin; John Katz
Cc: Joe Balash; M Nizich; Mike Tibbles; Kris Perry; Sharon Leighow
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thank you for the info. Pls let me know if I need to do anything on this.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:47:42

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:17 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fireman's disease legislation

Mike- we didn't get to finish our conversation on Nancy's bill re: firefighters. I haven't acted on it, but I don't oppose it. Haven't seen a fiscal note on it, but if Nancy asks for our help on it I will help her out.

Also, anyone know why Meyer and Chenault still won't schedule the CON bill? I tried calling both offices this evening but it was after hours. I'll try again tomorrow so that I'm on record, again, as asking for hearings and action on the measure. I'm still 100-percent committed to repeal, and am perplexed and disappointed with their lack of progress.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:53 PM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Governor, I don't think you have to do anything but I have asked our Mine/Land/Water people to give us a summary of all BLM lands transferred to the state over the last couple of years. I think it is now over 3-million acres. I will get an update out tomorrow. God bless. Tom

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To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: IBU strike ballots going out

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From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 11:27:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Sutch, Nancy A (DOA)" <nancy.sutch@alaska.gov>,"Sheehan, Katherine E (DOA)" <kate.sheehan@alaska.gov>,"Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)" <kevin.brooks@alaska.gov>,"Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: IBU strike ballots going out

Governor:

I just heard through Randy Ruaro that one of the maritime units - Inland Boatmens Union (IBU) is sending out strike ballots to its members. Apparently on the radio, a member is quoted as saying that "the entire west coast" maritime organizations will join in the strike. We'll run that down, but wanted you to know in the meantime.

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:13 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Yahoo and state acct rules.

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com' <ftb907@yahoo.com>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Mon Mar 24 19:00:54 2008

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wed Mar 19 17:47:12 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

This one I had to go to Tom Ryan in ETS for. Your PDA can be configured to have both a state email and personal email account. State email goes through ETS server; personal email doesn't (like a Yahoo account, it goes directly over the internet into the device.

Hope this helps.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:07 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

How about when I send personal email? Do they only travel over the phone contractor line?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:05 AM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Both - it's a network that connects the two to PDAs on either end.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10:14 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

So if I get a personal PDA will my state email come in and out via the state server or the phone contractor line?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:54 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

All emails on Blackberries set up for state business will come in over phone contractor lines to state server maintained by ETS.

Other mobile communication devices (cues, pocket pcs) are simply over the internet--no server.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:03 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

One more question: are personal emails on blackberry currently routed through the state server or through AT&T or whomever provides the phone service?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:57 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA); Swanson, Eric W (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I believe that's true, although I don't know for sure. Eric, have you signed any for Admin?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:48 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Are state employees currently signing up for reimbursement without the opinion from law?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 13:33:16 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

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-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:29 PM

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To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

When do you expect to hear back from law?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:39:37 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I'm hesitant to go too far on the confidentiality questions until we hear from Law. I would think personal emails on a personal device are confidential, but I'm not an attorney. I will send this question to Law to make sure that they address the confidentiality question in their response to us on the ethics boundaries.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Well that's understandable that state business could be subpoenaed off a personal device, but personal emails on a personal device are confidential? What type of situation would constitute subpoena of personal emails? I'm really just trying to weigh the benefits of a personal vs state device.

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:06:00 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

We are also waiting on Dept. of Law for confidentiality issues, but I can tell you that using a personal device results in much less probability of audit or ding by the state. It's a strong motivator to move to the personal device with allowance status.

That said, if you have state business on a personal device, it is possible that information could be subpeona'd or accessed through other "public access to information" avenues. This would be specific to a topic, not just the work of an individual.

Does this answer the question?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:56 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Thanks, Kim. I have your original email. My question is if we have a personal blackberry that we route our state email to, and also receive reimbursement from the state each month, and sign the reimbursement contract w the state, can our phone and email records be audited or can we as state employees be dinged in any way for having our personal and state emails route to the same device. I would gladly buy my own blackberry if it and its *contents were truely mine. Any thoughts here?*

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:39:46 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Hi Ivy,

The monthly allowance amounts for personal devices are now available. I sent out an email with the form and FAQs on March 7th. I'll forward to you.

Allowance is $40 per month for cell and $75 for Blackberry.

Not waiting for Law on this one. All we need is a form signed by supervisor and employee that the device is needed and that employee has opted to provide.

Waiting for Law to opine on the ethics issues regarding personal use of business assets.

After you see the next email, let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:03 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Kim,

Can you answer my questions below re: cell phone reimbursement? I should have probably asked you first.

Thanks,

Ivy

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 09:37:55 2008

Subject: Cell phone reimbursement

Commissioner,

Are the reimbursements available yet for personal cell phones? How much is the monthly reimbursement? Also, have we gotten an opinion from law on the reimbursement contract state employees must turn in to receive the reimbursement?

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:37 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Zyprexia suit.

Thanks! Sounds good- you all are very successful and it's very much appreciated.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 17:35:54

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Zyprexia suit.

Dear governor palin. We have just settled the ongoing trial with Eli Lilly on the medications case. The state will receive most of the 15 million dollar settlement. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged There will be a story about this tomorrow when the jury is dismissed. Talis.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:35 PM
To: Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Suicide Prevention - ABADA Rep

Sounds good thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 16:47:51

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Suicide Prevention - ABADA Rep

Governor,

There is a spot on the Suicide Prevention Council that is filled by a name put forward by the Alaska Board of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA).

Bernard Gatewood of Fairbanks is the choice of ABADA but gets officially appointed by you. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Here is his background from ABADA:

Bernard has worked with the Division of Juvenile Justice for 20 years. In addition, he has worked with children and families in a variety of human services areas including education and mental health. He holds a masters in counseling, which informs his experience and insight into behavioral health issues faced by Alaska's children and their families.

Bernard is a "bridge builder." With DJJ and in his community, he has worked to promote effective working relationships between people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, and geographic perspectives. He served 7 years on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Commission, sharing his experience and expertise on many community issues.
His contributions have been recognized in a variety of ways over the years, to include the 2007 Commissioner's Award for Child Abuse Prevention (DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth and Families - Alaska recipient) and the

2007 Restorative Justice Award from the Alaska Native Justice Center.

Frank Bailey

Director, Boards and Commissions

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

907.465.3934 - Juneau

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:26 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: AGIA announcement plan

AGIA team will have a message for us by tomorrow aft re: when leggies/public may look forward to Review Release and Special Session dates. We can look at it, tweak if need be, release, then be available for reporters' questions - Tom/Marty/Pat via teleconf, while we'll be here in person. Alaskans are anxious to know where we're going with special session timing, so getting out info by tomorrow will keep everyone in the loop.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:53 PM
To: 'nat.wilson@yale.edu'
Subject: RE: Environment

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:33 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Environment

Web mail from: Mr. Nathaniel Wilson

address: 2420 Glenwood St Anchorage AK 99508

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah Palin,

I was wondering if you were planning on coming to the Forestry School Governor's Conference here at Yale University after the legislative session ends (April 17-18)? I know it's a long way, but it seems like it would be important for Alaskans to have a representative, given the impact climate change or policy aimed at addressing climate change might have on the state.

Also, I've never actually had the chance to see or meet you.

Nat Wilson, Yale '09

Anchorage, AK

nat.wilson@yale.edu

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:42 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Phone #s

May I get Meyer and Chenault phone #s?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:21 PM
To: 'jkulavik@eaglecharters.com'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 1:56 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Joseph Kulavik

address: P>O> Box77 Elfin cove AK 99825

18888281970

MESSAGE:

I own two Lodges in Elfin cove and fish in area 2c My charters for this year are down 30% because of the known of what the Halibut limit will be for sport fishing with this and the oil prices and food and flaot plane prices this has just about but me out of Business. I sure hope you will look at this before it crashes down on all of us. Thank You Joe Kulavik P>S> my web site www.eaglecharters.com

jkulavik@eaglecharters.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:20 PM
To: 'erick_sabo@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:08 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Erick Sabo

address: 3123 N. Shirley Tacoma WA 98407

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I have received a copy of a letter sent to Trident's Bristol Bay Fishermen, (which I would like to attach and send to you, but am unable to through this service). In any event, on the second page of this letter under the heading Ugashik, Trident Seafoods makes clear to their fishermen that they:

1. Are not going to have sufficient fish buying capacity at Ugashik during the 2008 fishing season.

2. That they see the Ugashik fish as less desireable.

3. Due to conditions 1 & 2 the Trident fleet will be smaller than usual at Ugashik

A number of other fish buyers are either not buying Ugashik fish or will also have a reduced buying effort.

A small system such as Ugashik cannot experience over escapement without damage to overall fish production. Ugashik is just now recovering from over escapement from the 1990's. Yet it seems clear that the fishing effort will not be sufficient to handle large numbers of fish coming into the Ugashik district. Ugashik will have a serious over escapement problem this summer. Undoubtedly, the buyers in Bristol Bay have assured Fish and & Wildlife that they can handle the large numbers of fish this summer. But, this will obviously not be the case in Ugashik. We will definitely need additional buyers this summer in the Ugashik District.

I personally fish for Icicle, so if I fish Ugashik I would benefit from having fewer Trident fishermen in the district, BUT it is not in the best interest of bay fishermen, fishery managers, the local Ugashik community or the State of Alaska if we have this kind of, or lack of, processing support in Ugashik from one of the largest companies operating in the Bay.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Erick Sabo

F/V Alsatia

erick_sabo@hotmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 1:50 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sudan

I just received your email! It's 1:50pm.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:22:42

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Sudan

Governor - Call with Mike Burns has been set up for 9:30 a.m. this morning, Tues., 03.25.08. I have listed his direct office line on your calendar - 796-1521. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:01 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Sudan

J- pls set up phone call for me to speak with Mike Burns this morning- just real quick, I'll touch base with him on what a Gov's authority is re: investment/divestment of Perm Fund $$$. He hasn't asked, but he needs to hear from me on my opinion - and no one seems to know what a

Gov's authority is in this issue is but I will go on record with him re: Perm Fund divesting the half of one-percent that we've got in Darfur.
Thanks

Russ-you can let leggies know I'm still trying to talk to Burns.
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-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 02:10:33
To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>
Cc:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>
Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help.
Thanks
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:51 PM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Statehood

Anna has Denali Boro folks' info re: their desire to participate in statehood celebration. Nenana is site of Golden Spike w/the railroad construction, and of course the home of Jack Coghill. I told them we'd touch base - they have an end-of-July bluegrass celebration they could title "Statehood..." something, plus they may have other ideas on how they could be included. Very nice people, very supportive of us via their Mayor and local elected officials (from Healy, Cantwell, Paxson, Nenana, etc).

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:20 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Testing

Do you know when the four days of Juneau state school testing is? Wasilla's is next week...

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:58 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Coffee?

No. But come over to the house at six, ok?

------Original Message------

From: Ivy Frye

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Mar 25, 2008 11:08 AM

Subject: Coffee?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:58 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 25-31, 2008

From: Waste Business Journal [mailto:info@wastebusinessjournal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:04 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 25-31, 2008

If you are having trouble viewing this email, you may **see it online.**

Waste Business Journal Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 25-31, 2008

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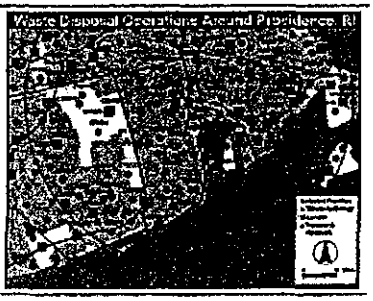
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1. **LAWSUIT TARGETS EPA OVER LACK OF SUPERFUND FINANCIAL ASSURANCE RULES**

Environmentalists have recently filed a lawsuit to force the EPA issue Superfund financial assurance rules as required but never promulgated by the agency in the 22 years since it was supposed to have been done. Earthjustice on behalf of the Sierra Club and other groups filed their suit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. According to the brief, the bankruptcies of companies like Asarco, the century-old mining giant estimated to be liable for more than $1 billion in environmental cleanup, along with the expiration of the Superfund taxes on industry, underscore the need for the financial assurances as a means of ensuring cleanup costs are not shifted onto citizens...**Read More »**

2. **DEVELOPER TO BUILD $45 MILLION SOLAR ENERGY FARM IN RHODE ISLAND**

New York-based Allco Renewable Energy plans to develop a $45 million solar energy project atop a former hazardous waste site near Coventry, RI. It promises to be the largest solar energy farm east of the Mississippi River. Coventry has agreed to give Allco a 50-year lease and the company has agreed to make payments $200,000 a year or 4% of electricity sales to the town. Allco will also look into whether wind turbines could be placed at the site. In November they proposed to build a major wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island...**Read More »**

3. **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS ASSOC. OPPOSED TO HILL E-WASTE CONCEPT PAPER**

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) opposes an approach to federal e-waste legislation that puts the burden squarely upon manufacturers and brand owners. The concept paper, drafted by Hill staffers is meant as a precursor to "consensus-based" federal legislation. CEA urges an "alternative model," with manufacturers, retailers, consumers and local, state and federal government sharing responsibility. It views the proposal as unbalanced and unfair finding the collection and recycling goals to be arbitrary. Instead CEA suggests that performance requirements be tied to consumer access to recycling. "Whether consumers choose to recycle or not is up to them," the CEA said. "The industry can only make recycling opportunities available and convenient." The CEA also demands federal preemption of all state laws, including those already in effect, without which will raise costs for manufacturers and confuse consumers...**Read More »**

4. **SEN. DINGELL CONCERNED ABOUT CAFO REPORTING EXEMPTION**

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) is concerned about the US EPA's controversial proposal to exempt concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) from federal reporting requirements, particularly with regard to requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). He could use the oversight capacity of the committee force EPA to comply with the law. Industry officials are reiterating long-standing arguments that CERCLA and EPCRA were intended to address industrial operations, not agricultural operations...**Read More »**

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5. **ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES 1-800-RECYCLING**

John Shegerian, CEO of Electronic Recyclers International, announced the launch of 1-800-Recycling as a new resource to connect people with responsible recycling solutions. The resource is currently available in California and Massachusetts and will be expanded to cover the entire nation later this year. Shegerian's record alone is evidence the concept will succeed. He originally bought the failing Computer Recyclers of America in 2002, changed its name, and has turned it into one of the leading e-waste recycling firms in the US. In 2005, he sold a company he co-founded called Financialaid.com for more than $25 million. He also owns Addicted.com, which has also been very successful...**Read More »**

6. **GAS TO ENERGY FROM VERMONT'S SECOND LARGEST LANDFILL**

PPL Renewable Energy of Allentown, PA will develop and operate a landfill gas to energy plant at Vermont's second largest landfill in Moretown. The landfill is owned and operated by North East Waste Services which is now part of Highstar Holding Corp. By fall, methane from the landfill will power diesel generators to generate electricity that will be sold to Green Mountain Power. PPL currently has landfill three gas-to-energy projects in Pennsylvania including with the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority of Lebanon, PA (3.2 MW), the Frey Farm Landfill in Lancaster, PA (3.2 MW), the Northern Tier Landfill in Burlington, PA (800 kW), and two projects in New Jersey including the Pennsauken Renewable Energy Park (2.8 MW), and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority Landfill (4.8 MW)...**Read More »**

7. **COVANTA'S H-POWER CELEBRATES ELEVEN MILLIONTH TON**

Covanta Honolulu celebrated its eleven millionth ton of waste converted to energy at to company's H-Power plant over the last eighteen years. That translates into having burned 611 thousand tons of municipal solid waste *per year or 1,675 tons per day to generate up to 57 megawatts of energy.* It is yeoman's duty serving the needs of more than 850,000 residents and more than six million visitors to the island each year. In the process, the plant has saved hundreds of acres of landfill space and more than 10 million barrels of imported oil...**Read More »**

8. **CLEANTECH BIOFUELS READY TO COMMERCIALIZE WASTE-TO-ETHANOL PROJECT**

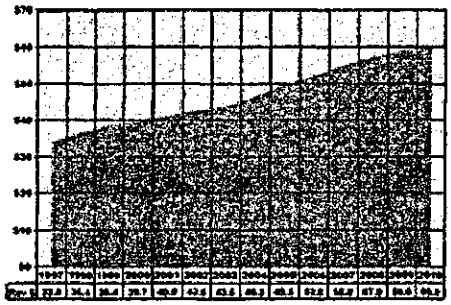
Alternative fuels development firm CleanTech Biofuels and engineering firm Merrick & Company are ready to begin operating the first phase of their municipal solid waste-to-ethanol project. CleanTech and Merrick have developed a comprehensive project management plan that will allow CleanTech to move towards the development of commercial municipal solid waste-to-ethanol plants utilizing the company's technologies. Alan Propp, senior technical specialist of Merrick, said "We are very excited to begin evaluating and demonstrating this technology. It has the potential to revolutionize the way American communities deal with their municipal solid waste, while simultaneously producing clean-burning, renewable fuels."..**Read More »**

9. **STARTECH ENVIRONMENTAL WILL PARTNER TO CREATE CARBONLESS POWER SYSTEM**

Wilton, Conn.-based Startech Environmental Corp., which makes plasma conversion systems that can turn solid waste into hydrogen gas and other benign byproducts, will partner with Algona, Iowa-based Hydrogen Engine Center Inc., which makes hydrogen powered combustion engines, to market a new waste-to-energy system that combines both technologies. Michael Schiltz, HEC vice president of engine development, said the systems could be used by landfills, for example, to convert garbage into fuel that the landfill can use in engines to generate electricity for its operation or to run engines in its heavy equipment. Stephen Landa, vice president of sales for Startech, said the idea of using hydrogen for vehicles and stationary carbonless power is one of the reasons for the alliance...**Read More »**

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:56 PM
To: 'Brenda Wall'
Subject: RE: Bristol Bay

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From: Brenda Wall [mailto:vision_rbw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Bristol Bay

Dear Governor Palin,
I am a small business owner with a drift permit in Bristol Bay. I want to share my deepest concerns on the up coming salmon season for 2008. I was reading the latest news on that fishery and the concern over the limits that we will endure. A spokesman from one of the canneries said that the processors are sure that they can handle the daily catch without limits. They also told us the price will be the same as last year!

Is that an open market price? The entire west coast harvest of salmon for trollers is shut down. The main stem fishery on the Columbia River is shut down. A hand full of salmon have been harvest in the estuary fisheries on the Columbia and the price is $10.00 per pound. This is not a rumor!

I realize that other fisheries will be open before Bristol Bay but it sure seems strange that wild Alaska Salmon so desired by informed consumers in America will bring only 67 cents dock price. The Bristol Bay processors will say and do anything to keep this fish price bound with an iron fist.

Please set us free from this Mafia like control! Please bring in processing ships that can bring new life to this fishery! Please open the door to price competition!

Warm Regards,
Randy & Brenda Wall

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:02 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Castle; Lillian K (GOV)
Subject: FW: Friends of Doyon

From: Mitch Demientieff Sr [mailto:mademientieff@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 7:34 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Friends of Doyon

Governor Palin

I thank you,Lynne Smith and Roger Prince for Ms. Smith's response response to to my inquies in my letter to you of February 18,2008. The work your staff did to educate our group and assist us to get in compliance with the law was very welcome and expertly handled.

Commissioner Notti is very well respected by the native community in general and by me specifically. Enil has heavy Nenana connectio

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:56 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly: Boosting the Economy

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:54 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly: Boosting the Economy

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Boosting the Economy
By Tom Donohue

Last week I delivered a speech in Michigan, a state some are writing off as an economic basket case. I told an audience of small and mid-size Michigan businesses that I couldn't disagree more with that assessment. In fact, I said there were two things that could not only help lift up the Michigan economy, but the national economy as well.

The first may surprise you.

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Capital Roundup

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The current economic slowdown may or may not turn into a recession, but regardless, the economy should climb out of its funk and return to solid positive growth by the fourth quarter, according to U.S. Chamber of Commerce Chief Economist Marty Regalia.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:01 AM
To: 'sonvic@kpunet.net'
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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Vicki Campbell

address: P.O. Box 8889 Ketchikan AK 99901

907-617--0021

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

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Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds – only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska – is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Vicki J. Campbell

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Name	Company	Signature
Vicki J. Campbell	Campbell's Fishing Charters	Signed

sonvic@kpunet.net

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:01 AM
To: 'N601st@thevision.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:29 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: John & June Rogers

address: 5101 Mountain View Rd. Hughson CA 95326

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

John & June Rogers

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:59 AM
To: 'alaskandiane@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:15 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Diane Fielden

address: 140 S. Leibrock st. Soldotna AK 99669

1-907-262-1827

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin, I just was reading my morning newspaper and I am appaled and heart broken. I have met you personaly and found you to be an honest and up front person. I was absolutly 100% behind you all the way. Today I can not say that. In the Clairion it was stated and I quote""$676 million for operation of shooting ranges in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau" "and additional money for Troopers, health and social services public affairs office and election workers" $676 million! for shooting ranges! I am shocked beyond words. I went to Juneau and begged the legislators for $13 million for Comunnity Health Centers to help the uninsured and needy people of or state. I walked up and down the halls of offies talk to anyone who would listen. I have written and faxed and phone any who was associated with State govenment to help us raise monies to update to the mandated electronic records system that the govenment has deemed we have. So why would this huge ammount of money be set aside for gun r

anges be higher up the list than CHC's who serve anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay in this Great State of Alaska? I would like to talk face to face with you, although I know that will never happen, but woman to woman, I voted for you and until today I never regreted it, but today I do. Diane Fielden, Soldotna Alaska

alaskandiane@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:55 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Legal_and_lawsuits

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:31 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: David Bartels

address: Lot 21 Fish Creek Estates Big Lake AK 99652

232-2045

MESSAGE:

To Sarah Palin, (We require a response A.S.A.P.)

We need to schedule a short personal interview with Governor Palin (A.S.A.P.) for our documentary on government corruption in Alaska in conjuction with the "crime" we dubbed Alaska's No-fault Divorce Scam to affirm her views and confirm she is against letting the Attorneys getting away with extorting millions and millions of dollars from the People by concealing divorce ("a private realm of family life which the state cannot enter"), property settlement, child custody, child support require the consent of both parties to an agreement with full understanding with intent to be bound. Plus, how the divorce rate has skyrocketed because of this scam which is thereby recklessly traumatizing our innocent children. Please respond A.S.A.P. Thank you. Sincerely David Bartels 232-2045

judgebartels@yahoo.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:47 AM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Conf

Crud- I had visitors thru some of it- may we pow-wow so you guys can interpret it for me?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:33:39

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Press Conf

Yep...with dropped jaw.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 10:30:12 2008

Subject: Press Conf

Are u guys watching?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:33 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Chenault

Doesn't want the Kasilof boat launch, so let's eliminate it at the Representative's request. (Pls see his March 20 letter, which I saw for the first time today.)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:24 AM
To: Ivy personal; K Perry Yahoo; Frank Bailey; Todd; Jollie; Tara L (CED); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV); Kerm Ketchum
Subject: Re: press conf and Tonight

I'm a'watchin'. They sound like anti-conservatives, big time.

Also, tonight- pls come over while Kerm and Tara are in town. 6:00-ish? And for the second time Piper will share bday cake with all of us, but she'll be in a good mood this time.

I gave Erika a head's up that I'm having folks over at 6. (Pip may be able to invite a couple of her classmates over at that time too.)

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From: Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 11:15:13

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Kris Perry <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: press conf

Are you guys listening to the senate press conf? Stedman/Hoffma are getting drilled by Gregg Erickson. "Would it be accurate to say the Senate Bi-Partisan Working Group doesn't have an overall spending plan?" All Stedman and Hoffman can say is they've saved more in 08 than in state history. Alright, but what's your SPENDING Plan???

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

They're invited to attend today too.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:51:18

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

I let them know Stedman is Wed.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:44 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)

Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

I think media thinks it is today

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:27:42

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

The Stedman meeting is on Wednesday, 03.26.08 at 2:00 p.m. Today is Senator Stevens, Representative Seaton, Representative LeDoux at 3:00 p.m. Thanks, Janice

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:43 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)

Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Janice- when is this meeting?

And yes, doors are open. Especially with Stedman in the room.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:24:01

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Governor-

Bill McAllister and Dave Donaldson have expressed an interest in attending the meeting tomorrow with Stedman, Wilson and Johansen. Is that still okay with you?

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)
Subject: Re: Kerm

No, I mean I'd rather he and Tara and others come over to the house tonight instead of having that mtg today in the middle of a very busy time. They can come over, meet officially, and save valuable office time that I need today. Thanks

I'm giving Erika a head's up that I'll be inviting them to come over tonight.

------Original Message------

From: Janice Mason

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Kris Perry

To: Todd

Sent: Mar 25, 2008 10:04 AM

Subject: RE: Kerm

Kerm is touring mansion with Tara Jollie at 1:00 p.m. today. I do not know of him stopping in tonight at the house. Janice

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:02 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Todd

Subject: Kerm

If kerm is coming over tonight, can we postpone today's 1/2 hr mtg at 11am, and call tonight's visit good?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Kuskikwim

Talis- I see that Dept of Rev, and perhaps Law, is investigating the Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog race re: under-reported income.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:45 AM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: NY Times Magazine

Yes- we have to find some exciting things for him to shadow tho... It's exciting now re: wrapping up session- don't know how exciting anything will be after April 13th though.

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:21:25

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: NY Times Magazine

Peter Maass, who interviewed you during NGA in D.C. has received a green light from his editors to continue with a feature story for the NY Times Magazine.

With your approval on timing for early or mid-June, he is interested in an interview with you and doing some "shadowing" like Karen Breslau with Newsweek did.

Right now, I can work with Janice on a preliminary time-frame if you'd like to continue with this project.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:44 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

I think media thinks it is today

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:27:42

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

The Stedman meeting is on Wednesday, 03.26.08 at 2:00 p.m. Today is Senator Stevens, Representative Seaton, Representative LeDoux at 3:00 p.m. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:43 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)

Subject: Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Janice- when is this meeting?

And yes, doors are open. Especially with Stedman in the room.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:24:01

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

Governor-

Bill McAllister and Dave Donaldson have expressed an interest in attending the meeting tomorrow with Stedman, Wilson and Johansen. Is that still okay with you?

Sharon Leighow

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices$208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Great idea on speaking directly w reporters- we'll see what lawmakers say in their 10am press availability- they're supposed to "clarify and correct" their press releases' bogus claims from last night, according to Mike. Hopefully Mike and Karen will be very adament about correcting their misstatements today, via direct communications with reporters (and I'll be there), esp in reaction to what Senators are supposed to say by way of corrections this morning.

We can speak with them as they attend some of our open mtgs with lawmakers throughout the day in the conf room perhaps?

What's Bill going to do next??

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:52:53

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Governor-

We addressed most of these issues in the release that went out on Friday. Rather than another release, a more proactive way may be to talk directly with reporters. Several are planning to attend the meetings with lawmakers today and tomorrow. Thoughts? Btw - I am hearing this is the last session for Bill McAllister.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:09 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices

$208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

It is AMAZING how they spun this... It blows us away that they can claim such numbers... We will need to respopnd.
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:07:52
To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Makes you wonder wht they dislike us so much... He says they had to cut from our 17-percent increase?!
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:05:52
To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Dear lord- what next...
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From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 23:04:55

To:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

A laugh a minute!

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From: Jeff Turner <Jeff_Turner@legis.state.ak.us>

Sent: Mon Mar 24 22:58:46 2008

Subject: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

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Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09

Operating Budget

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Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

(JUNEAU) - Today the Alaska Senate passed the state's FY 09 operating budget, House Bill 310, after a thorough and complete review of all the spending increases proposed by the Palin administration.

"The Senate Finance Committee has always believed that living within our means starts with slowing down the growth of the state operating budget," said Senate Finance Co-Chair Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel. "We started with Governor Palin's version that was 17 percent larger than last year. After weeks of analyzing that budget we were able to trim that increase by nearly five percent."

"This is a sound budget that meets the people's needs," said Senate President Lyda Green, R-Wasilla. "However, I am still concerned about the total dollar amount. We were able to make reductions to the Governor's budget, but more will need to be made next year so that we can save as much of the surplus as possible."

The Senate started its review by applying the following three principals to the FY 09 spending plan:

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* No new state positions unless absolutely necessary
* Refrain from backfilling the loss of federal funds with state general funds
* Curb expansion of existing programs without sound justification

By applying these principals the Senate crafted a spending plan that curbs the growth of state government by $208 million and saves as much of the budget surplus as possible and:

* Reduces Governor Palin's proposed operating budget increase from 17 percent to 11.5 percent
* Slashes the number of new state government positions in the Palin administration's proposed budget by half from 305 to 157
* Turned away the expansion of state programs proposed by the Palin administration for a savings of $40 million

The FY 09 operating budget uses $4.2 billion in general fund revenue. The operating budget now goes back to the House for concurrence. If the House declines to concur with the Senate's changes a joint conference committee will be appointed to come up with compromise legislation.

For more information, contact Senator Hoffman at (907) 465-4453.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: What Now!

Importance: High

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From: Robert Ward [mailto:bob@awardcharters.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:10 AM

To: Homer Charter Association (members only); sue.salveson@noaa.gov; Dave Hansen; Jim Balsiger; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)

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Thanks and as always we are trying to be there for the betterment of the charter industry.

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Subject: Re: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

Ivy's comments here are 100-percent right on. Please use her comments in our response to Senate action yesterday. Were we asked anything by reporters? We need to have a public statement out about their action, esp considering their success on the floor w/the spin re: "the Gov's huge budget- we had to reign her in... she insisted on these increases...etc". The public statement needs to go out soon before their spin sticks.

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From: Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:43:59

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

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gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote: We're very lucky on that headline- they'll be working OT today to spin this as OUR huge budget.

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From: Ivy Frye

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:19:46

To:Sarah Palin , Frank Bailey , Kris Perry , Todd Palin

Subject: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

I love the headline! The story could have been a little stronger re: the Senate hijacking every appropriations bill and then blaming spending on the executive branch, but I won't complain too much (today at least) because the headline says it all!!! The Senate couldn't save a dime if their lives depended on it.

Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

OPERATING BUDGET: 11.5 percent increase; $1 billion added to reserve.

By ANNE SUTTON

The Associated Press

Published: March 25th, 2008 02:13 AM

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JUNEAU -- It would have been unthinkable two years ago: lawmakers arguing over whether to pad the state savings account with $1 billion or $3 billion on top of several billion already proposed.

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But such is the nature of state revenues as money from high oil prices and a new production tax continues to cascade into state coffers.

Given the new fiscal scene, it was savings, not spending, that dominated the legislative debate as the Alaska Senate approved an $11 billion operating budget Monday for state agencies and K-12 education next year.

As part of that plan, a bipartisan Senate majority successfully proposed an addition of $1 billion from next year's surplus revenues to the state savings account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund.

Lawmakers are already planning to put at least $2.6 billion into the account from this year's surplus and another $1 billion into a different account.

Republican minority members said that's not enough, however.

Senate Minority Leader Gene Therriault, R-Fairbanks, pointed to a recent report from the University of Alaska that says the current rate of state spending is not sustainable.

He proposed setting aside a total of $2.9 billion, adding that the extra money would allow the operating budget to pass at the proposed level while leaving another $350 million in state general funds for the capital budget. "Why wouldn't we set it aside?" Therriault asked. "If the concern is that we haven't done a capital budget yet, I tell you that's part of my concern."

He said he fears a spending free-for-all over construction projects around the state because lawmakers have failed to set a spending cap in the capital budget.

Sen. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, said lawmakers should wait to put aside additional savings until the 2009 supplemental budget in the next legislative session.

He said volatile oil prices could change the state's fiscal picture in a hurry.

State revenue forecasters last fall projected oil prices would be $66 a barrel and, with prices continuing to climb, lawmakers are currently building a budget based on $83 a barrel. But if prices can go up, they can just as easily go back down, said Stedman. "To take the cushion and lock it up in the CBR is irresponsible at best," he said. "To my knowledge, it's never been done in the history of the state to tie the fiscal hands of the state so it does not have the ability to maneuver."

For all the talk about savings, the operating budget, which passed 15-4, is really about spending. It would draw about $5.2 billion from the general fund, $4 billion from other state funds and $1.7 billion from federal funds. It represents about an 11.5 percent increase in spending over last year, according to lawmakers.

Lawmakers also considered adding an extra $20 million to schools through school improvement grants.

Sen. Gary Wilken, R-Fairbanks, withdrew the amendment, however, saying it was his understanding that schools would be getting more money through a separate appropriation, perhaps as an energy grant. Stedman said an additional appropriation for schools will be added in another budget bill.

The budget includes $60 million in revenue sharing and $175 million for oil and gas tax credits and more than $310 million to fund negotiated state employee salary increases.

At Gov. Sarah Palin's request, senators added about $13 million to various programs in one lump amendment, including $6.1 million for outside legal assistance in oil and gas issues, $676,000 for operation of shooting ranges in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau and additional money for troopers, health and social services public affairs office and election workers.

Lawmakers passed the budget with both majority and minority members warning that spending cannot be sustained into the future.

Even if high oil prices remain, they are expected to be offset by the steady decrease in oil production on the North Slope and fiscal experts warn that structural deficits are expected three to four years in the future.

"With the growth that we see and no apparent plan for where total spending is going to end up, I'm fearful for what it sets up, perhaps not for this legislature or even the next one but certainly for the one after that," said Therriault.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:14 AM
To: 'wfc20@acsalaska.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:37 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Wayne Campbell

address: 3700 W. 86th St. Apt. 2 Anchorage AK 99502

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MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

All of us who have signed below are writing you to express our strong support for a fixed annual allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds of halibut in Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds of halibut in Area 3A for charter fishing off Alaska. Sport caught fish is one of Alaska's most value-added resources, and contributes tens of millions of dollars to the economies of coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds – only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska – is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

The charter industry differs from the commercial industry in that it depends on stability and advance notice of rules—most clients book their trips a year out. Charter operators cannot significantly increase or decrease capacity from year to year to adjust to annual increases or decreases in allocation. They simply can't build more rooms or put more people on a boat they don't have, any more than they can afford to mothball rooms or boats they do have. The charter fleet is also different from the commercial fleet because they do not sell pounds of fish, they sell a fishing experience, which is based on client expectations of the opportunity to catch fish. To remain competitive in the global marketplace, Alaskan charter operators need to reliably offer their clients the opportunity to catch two halibut a day, something they have traditionally been able to do for decades.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has adopted numerous different management regimes for fisheries off Alaska. Each is tailored to best meet the needs of that particular fishing industry segment. The Council needs to adopt a management scheme that makes sense for the charter industry, and should not adopt measures simply because they mirror how the commercial fleet is managed. A fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A will provide certainty and stability for both the charter industry and the commercial industry. It will also ensure that the State, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NMFS, and the commercial and charter industry participants won't have to devote significant time and resources to annual changes in halibut regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Wayne F. Campbell

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Name	Company	Signature
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Cc: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Sudan

J- pls set up phone call for me to speak with Mike Burns this morning- just real quick, I'll touch base with him on what a Gov's authority is re: investment/divestment of Perm Fund $$$. He hasn't asked, but he needs to hear from me on my opinion - and no one seems to know what a Gov's authority is in this issue is but I will go on record with him re: Perm Fund divesting the half of one-percent that we've got in Darfur. Thanks

Russ-you can let leggies know I'm still trying to talk to Burns.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 02:10:33

To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help. Thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:02 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:11 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. nicholas bristow

address: 2790 sagebrush cir #204 ann arbor MI 48103

MESSAGE:

Please, if it is presented to you, accept the VP nomination. I am confident that you have alot to offer to our great nation and probably much more support and endorsement than you realize. Consider a VP nomination if presented with it.

klausnyc@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:57 AM
To: 'miles cobbett'
Subject: RE: Champion ... and Reading together as a Family

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: miles cobbett [mailto:alaskamiles@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:11 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Champion ... and Reading together as a Family

Dear and Honorable Governor Sarah Palin

You are very welcome.

They say, when opportunity flys near-by to latch on for the adventure.

I had a great conversation with the Consul General Frantisek Hudak. When he mentioned he was here to meet with you, since he seemed like such a nice man, I took the chance and asked him for a great favor: Would he please hand carry a copy of *Champion...* directly to you? He seemed to gladly accept my request for such a favor. This made me very happy, and I hope you can accept it as my gift to you, and to your family.

I hope you make the opportunity to read it aloud with your family members. I designed it as a read-aloud book for kids, their teachers, and the kids family members. An exciting development is that so many adults are liking it too. Just this morning I saw Daniel Julius, the Director of Research and Academic Hiring at the University of Alaska, and he has been reading *Champion* as well. I am excited to hear his reading report. I still love to hear reading reports from kids, and sometimes I am lucky enough to get them from adults too. Daniel has promised to give me his when he has finished the book.

As you probably noticed, I picked Alaska colors for the books cover. I hope people all across Alaska, and all over the US, will enjoy reading about a fictional Alaskan character that becomes a sports hero. I tell kids, "You know Spider-man? Well this guy is called:
Ro-Man, or pronounced quickly--- Roman..." The story seems to be catching on quite well here in Fairbanks. Just yesterday a little girl seven years old, (and in the second grade), amazed her proud father and I at her ability to read page one --of chapter one--- all by herself. She was especially proud to be able to read "A Big Kid's Chapter Book." Since she was such a good reader, I gave her an autographed copy. She and her father are here in Alaska as tourists to go dog sledding in Tannana, visit Bettles, and now have a copy of my book to read together as father and daughter.

I am proud to say, my book is now selling here in Fairbanks at Guliver's Books, and just last week it began to be listed and sold on Amazon.com, so I am excited to see how it does on there

as well. I have personally sold $2,000 dollars worth of copies out of my own hands since I received my first shipment from the publisher just over 7 weeks ago.

Daniel Julius has told me he will post a Reader Review on Amazon as well as giving one back to me. I am excited to see what he has to say. We have had conversations about how he is a picky reader and how he is such a huge fan of Leo Tolstoy's book, *The Death of Ivan Illyich,* so it is a great honor to have him consider reading my book *Champion A Story of the Happy Life of Roman Lefthanded Losinski.*

As to my background, I graduated University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1994 with dual degrees in Psychology (emphasis in motivation and sports psychology), and Sociology (as an older adult). I worked most of my summers in Petersburg Alaska for Icicle Seafoods and also with Captain Art Murphy as a crewman/helmsman for his South East Alaska Tugboat Company Seakist Towing.
As citizens of Petersburg, my coffee shop counter pal, Viking Swim Coach John "Tex" Doughtery and I, began a youth club in Petersburg that we called the Petersburg Youth Activities Club, (because we both felt the teenagers in town needed something positive to do with their time), and then we staged four Petersburg Viking Mini-Triathlons (with participants ranging in age from 8 to 58), and held various other family sports/picnic activities in the Spring and summer of 1999. He went on to be the High School Swim Coach, and between tug boat runs, I took on the task of tutoring kids in Petersburg that struggled with reading, math and writing. Later, I went on to accept teaching positions in elementary schools in grades 3rd and 4th, and in middle school in grades 7th & 8th in South-Central Los Angeles, and in Pomona CA.

My life is now strictly devoted to writing books for children with the goal of hooking as many kids on reading as I can.

All my best to you and your family,

I remain respectfully your fellow Alaskan Citizen,

Miles Cobbett (AlaskaMiles on AuthorNation dot com and at goodreads dot com)

PS As you probably well know, the word on the street is that we Alaskan Citizens--- mostly, (seems like about 99.9% here in Fairbanks), all love the job you are doing as our Governor. Thank you for serving our Great State in such an Awesome manner.

PPS I was at the "Tired Iron Snow Machine Races" the same weekend you were here, and I am proud to say that the combined age of my Vintage 440 Moto-Ski Snow Machine and I was 93 years-old... :) Mine was one of the "back of the truck racers"---but maybe by next year I will have more free-time to get my machine and I ready for Race Day. Pass the word on to Todd to "watch out for 'Old Whisker's' the rookie Moto-Ski driver," ---that is, if he and I both make it to Tired Iron next year with Vintage machines. Please tell him hi for me.
Miles...

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:00 AM
To: mcnealjr@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Transportation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:22 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Ms. Rita McNeal

address: 7012 N. Saint Herman Street Wasilla AK 99654

907-373-3860

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, I am very concerned about the world's growing supply and demand constraints on gasoline and diesel. Data from theoildrum.com shows the world peaked on production May 2005 and we are seeing consequences now. Alaska is in a unique position to benefit financial and be harmed the greatest by high oil prices. I would like to see the budget surplus go to infrastructure and best managing this budget to building an infrastructure that makes sense for a Alaskan in a tight transportation fuel world. Infrastructure priorities.

Enhanced community public transportation. Build more instate pipelines for natural gas. Forget the lower 48 and oil industry if they won't play. Commuter rail service within southcentral. Promote alternative energy development and traditional development. Wind, coal, geothermal all should be considered. Promote local agriculture and industry to meet Alaskan needs.

We are in tough financial times and you are in a unique position to set us in better standing for a challenging future. You have my support for putting all our surplus into infrastructure. Please do not put it into expanding the state payroll. It needs to be pared down not enlarged. Thank you, Rita

mcnealjr@mtaonline.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:58 AM
To: coppockrv@peoplepc.com
Subject: RE: Elections

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Mike Coppock

address: 3902 Oakcrest Ave Enid OK 73703

303-330-6854

MESSAGE:

I am a writer for NewsMax Magazine. My editor wishes for me to do a profile on Gov. Palin for one of the magazine's summer issues (We're a monthly). I understand the Governor is expecting. I can do this interview by phone in April or in person since I will be in Juneau the first part of July and the later part of June.

The nature of the interview would be on national political topis plus her background in Alaskan politics.

NewsMax is a politically conservative publication by nature.

I am in Denver right now on assignment, but will be back in the Oklahoma office by next week.

Respectfully,

Mike Coppock

coppockrv@peoplepc.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:09 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Scheduling

J- tomorrow will be a very packed day trying to deal with fall-out from senate action on budget- figuring out and trying to straighten out their action and our message will be my top priority. Thus, the other scheduled mtgs throughout the day will have to be very short, if they HAVE to take place at all, and unless it's lawmakers or staff or media, I doubt I'll be able to squeeze in any stop-bys or other mtgs. It will be very important that I have time to work with Mike and Karen and Russ all this week on the most important priority- budget- and other things will have to be taken care of by LtGov's office and others. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:53 AM
To: 'Milli'
Subject: RE: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Milli [mailto:millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:24 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

From: Milli [mailto:millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:18 AM
To: 'Sen. Gary Stevens'; 'Rep. Paul Seaton'; 'Governor Sarah Palin'
Subject: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

Please do not support these bills. They go contrary to the repeated wishes of the public, and I am very, very disappointed that Gov. Palin has even brought them forward. It is wrong.
I strongly support the opinions as expressed by Mr. Nick Jans in yesterday's Anchorage Daily News.

I quote from that: ".....the issue of aerial wolf and bear shooting pales in comparison to the real issue at stake: the democratic process. " ".....strike down HB 348, and SB176/HB256, not because of your convictions regarding aerial predator control, but because of your convictions in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

I am truly shocked that, you, Gov. Palin would support this, after all the wonderful strides you have made to provide a more open government, and you have. But this legislation flies in the face of that.

Please defeat HB 348 and SB 176/HB256.

Thank you,

Milli Martin
P.O. Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-6652

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Apr. 08 AKPTA Newsletter

From: AKPTA [mailto:akpta@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:16 AM
To: akpta@alaska.net
Subject: Apr. 08 AKPTA Newsletter

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A Note From Our Presi

Dear PTA Leaders,

As I stated in the previous newsletter for the newsletter. My goal this time sitting on an airplane, at 36,000 feet fantastic week in Washington DC tryir

Mary Schrage, (President Elect), Paul spent the past week hearing updates items and issues that impact educatic learning the issues, we also had the c Senator Stevens and Pamela Day, (D *Young). These meetings also allowed* schools and several other issues that

It was very impressive to see PTAs fr Hill. We all shared the same focus an "PTA VOTES". We had an amazing op from Kansas. They were there for a national government works and to se kids were loading up on their bus, on patience with the kids' visible excitem also thanked us for what we were doi Hill and was amazed by the presence.

Many people continue to think of PTA help schools raise money for one reas newsletter repeatedly, it far more inv of time making sure that the needs of Federal level. We are very fortunate of Alaska's kids and work hard to help PTA's goals. Advocating on behalf of onevoice.

We need your continued input, updat important to Alaska. This year we ha due to a lack of interest. In place of survey asking local units what our pri we were focused on in Washington D. you for giving us the direction, and w priorities that are important to you.

As a result of my challenge to all of A membership, we were at 8130 at the membership goal was 9500 members can achieve that goal. March 25th is t you have received since you last subr records and make sure you have subr and payments to the Alaska PTA offic please feel free to contact the State P

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Paula Pawlowski, Grant Administration
Nancy Copping, Health and Safety
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Need to get in touch with the Board of Managers? It's easy!! Simply click on the link listed below on the net or enter the online link into your computer and you will.... Contact Us

Alaska PTA Home Page
http://www.alaskapta.org/

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Look for updates, changes and announcements on the

Alaska PTA Blog

National PTA
http://www.pta.org/

LEADERSHIP SATURDAY

1st Saturday of the month

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

ALASKA PTA OFFICE
555 W. Northern Lights, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99503

If you are interested in working with the Board of Managers, letters of interest and applications for nomination can be found on the Alaska PTA website:

www.alaskapta.org

or by contacting the Alaska PTA office.

The following Committees need you: With your help, we can do more for all of the children in Alaska:

Click on the links below to check each one out.

Nominations

Bylaws

Convention

Legislative

We are also working on a new way to deliver training and reminders to the local units. Our goal is to have a monthly check off sheet with a short list of reminders for the local units and also a short Power Point presentation that will have a mini training session geared toward helping address a variety of subjects such as advocacy, membership, elections, bylaws and etc. We hope to roll out the first of these by the first of April. We will have these not only available to you in the e-mail but will also provide this and additional resources and training on our website. Stay tuned. . .

Sincerely,

Al Tamagni Jr.
Alaska PTA
President

2008 Alaska PTA Convention

"Charting Our Course"
April 17 - 19, 2008 in Fairbanks

Go to http://www.alaskapta.org/convention.htm for your 2008 Convention Planner complete with registration information, deadlines, and fees.

Beginning March 1st, travelers to Fairbanks can receive 10% discount on **Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air** flights using Certificate Code ECCMB0144. Discount reservations will be available for travel April 14 through 22, 2008. Please provide your ticket number to the Alaska PTA office so we can track the number of travelers and receive our credit for every 40 tickets sold.

The **Alaska Railroad** is pleased to provide Alaska PTA with a special fare of $99 for a one way ($198 round trip) fare Anchorage to Fairbanks or the reverse. The offer is valid April 16 – April 20, 2008. Please call the reservation line at 907-265-2494 in Anchorage or 800-544-0552 outside Anchorage and reference the code: AKPTA when making a booking. All schedule and fare information is on the website at www.AlaskaRailroad.com/passenger

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2008 Reflections Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2008 Reflections Program:

Primary Literature Winner: Rion Iverson, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Literature Honorable Mention: Kasper Maier, Joy, Fairbanks
Intermediate Literature Winner: Abigail Brice, Joy, Fairbanks
Intermediate Literature Honorable Mention: John Wolcott, Rabbit Creek, Anchorage
Middle Literature Winner: Hannah Souders, Goldenview, Anchorage
Middle Literature Honorable Mention: Chandler Grace, Schoenbar, Ketchikan
Senior Literature Winner: Emma Souders, Service, Anchorage
Senior Literature Honorable Mention: Kathryn Timm, West Valley, Fairbanks

Primary Photography Winner: Jack Carroll, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Photography Honorable Mention: Kaylynn Zagyva, Finger Lake, Wasilla
Intermediate Photography Winner: Jennifer Hannah, Woodriver, Fairbanks
Intermediate Photography Honorable Mention: K. Daniel Jones, Rogers Park, Anch.
Middle Photography Winner: Hannah Souders, Goldenview, Anchorage
Senior Photography Winner: Emma Souders, Service, Anchorage
Senior Photography Honorable Mention: Mary Knight, West Valley, Fairbanks

Primary Visual Arts Winner: Alexis Friesen, Finger Lake, Wasilla
Primary Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Kiani Kalander, Larson, Wasilla
Intermediate Visual Arts Winner: Merryn Daniel, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Laura Souders, Bowman, Anchorage
Middle Visual Arts Winner: Derante Owens, Ben Eielsen, Fairbanks
Middle Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Michaela Thomassen, Seward PTSA, Seward
Senior Visual Arts Winner: Yarrow Farris, Seward PTSA, Seward
Senior Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Hannah Berry, West Valley, Fairbanks

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H.U.G.S.

Items to be sent to the Alaska PTA office to be a **"HEALTHY UNIT IN GOOD STANDING":**

1. Current Officers List
2. Insurance Premium Payment
3. Membership List
4. Membership Dues
5. Updated Bylaws (should be updated every 5 years)
6. Annual Audit for the 2006-2007 school year
7. 990EZ form filed if required

What Can PTAs Do Around Elections?

It is election time again, and many PTA leaders are having questions about what election related activities they can and can't engage in. Local PTAs are non-profit organizations and fall under the IRS election guidelines for non-profits. To help you decide what activities your local PTA will get involved in, we have provided a few "cans" and "cant's."

PTA CAN:

- Host a candidate's forum: all candidates appearing on the ballot for a given position must be invited to participate and given equal time to respond.
- Publish a candidate's questionnaire: all candidates must be given the opportunity to answer the questionnaire and responses must be printed exactly as written.
- Register voters: volunteers must register all eligible voters regardless of party affiliation or political views.
- Remind members to vote
- Educate candidates on issues important to PTA

PTA CAN'T:

- Invite only one candidate in an election to come speak to the PTA
- Tell PTA members to only vote for a candidate who supports a certain position

Primary Dance/Choreography Winner: Morgan Stratton, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Dance/Choreography Winner: Grace Day, Rogers Park, Anchorage

Primary Musical Composition Winner: David Prentice, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Musical Composition Honorable Mention: Brody Jessee, Rogers Park, Anch.
Intermediate Musical Composition Winner: Allison Haynes, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Musical Composition Hon. Mention: Taylor Haines, Rogers Park, Anch.
Middle Musical Composition Winner: Hannah Halliday, Nikiski PTSA, Nikiski
Middle Musical Composition Honorable Mention: Richard Chen, Woodriver, Fairbanks
Senior Musical Composition Winner: Ryan Houlding, Ben Eielsen, Fairbanks

Primary Film/Video Winner: Kaden Caldarera, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Film/Video Honorable Mention: Jack Green, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Film/Video Winner: Jenna Hansen, Nikiski North Star, Nikiski
Intermediate Film/Video Honorable Mention: Sandra Smith, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Middle Film/Music Winner: Gordon Gunn, Woodriver, Fairbanks

Health & Safety

Health & Safety Resources from the Alaska Department of Education

The State Department of Education has created a supplementary reading/health program to encourage teachers throughout the state to use children's books as a starting point for important discussions about health-related topics. The Department has willingly shared their ideas with Alaska PTA so we could make those book titles and discussion ideas available to parents. These books can help you initiate important health and wellness-related discussions with your children at home. As you look through the books on these reading lists, you might find some that will address a wellness-related topic you'd like to discuss with your children. Each book list addresses a specific grade-level age group, but you may find books from other levels that fit your family's discussion needs. The lists give a synopsis of each book and end with a spreadsheet that gives each book title and the health topics it could address. Most of the books should be available in your school or local libraries. **Please note: Alaska PTA is not promoting these books; we are providing a resource for you to preview and use at your discretion, based on the needs, values, and interests of your family.**

Visit our website **www.alaskapta.org** to view the reading lists.

Get Up, Get Moving, Get Active!!

Governor Palin is challenging all Alaskans to be more active by logging on to the President's Challenge. Join the Alaska PTA group in getting active! Encourage your school community to join as well. Go to:

www.presidentschallenge.org

The Alaska PTA group number is 69976 and the group name is Alaska PTA. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Sign up today! We will send updates as to how many are in the Alaska PTA group and how active we are. As of this morning, we already have 5 members registered who have earned 2,017 points through their activity. Let's put Alaska on the map and get our families up and moving!

If you have questions, contact **programs@alaskapta.org**

Legislative

Alaska PTA has now come back from its Juneau-Fly-In day. What a success it was. Yet we wonder why more of you do not come? We wonder if it is that you just do not know what it is that can come out of these meetings. For a very quick overview of what Legislative work and Advocacy work is, the following has been developed to better increase all of our understanding.

Advocacy or Legislative works, what are the differences between these two actions? To understand how these two entities work together we must begin by understanding what Legislative work is and what Advocacy work is.

Let us begin by defining each word.

Legislative:
1. Of or relating to the enactment of laws.
2. Resulting from or decided by legislation.
3. Having the power to create laws; intended to legislate.

- Distribute any campaign materials on behalf of a candidate
- Wear campaign buttons or t-shirts during a PTA meeting

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If I'm a PTA President, am I allowed to make any political contributions?

A: Yes. As a citizen, you can make political contributions. It is important to make it clear that the donation is coming from you as an individual and not the PTA.

Q: Can our PTA take a position on a local ballot measure or levy?

A: Yes. It is considered direct lobbying because the voters are the decision makers. It is important to remember that working on a ballot measure will count as lobby activities and is subject to IRS non-profit lobbying rules.

Ask your state PTA about any state laws that may apply. For more information about what PTAs can and can't do around elections, here are some helpful links:

Alliance for Justice Non-Profit Advocacy Resources: http://www.afj.org/for-nonprofits-foundations/

Center for Non-Profit Management: http://www.cnm.org/

Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov/

www.pta.org: The ***PTA Grassroots Advocacy Toolkit*** is now available online at to give you simple answers on your advocacy and lobbying questions.

One of the tools National PTA Provides to help you advocate for your children and schools is an easy online e-learning course, ***Effective Advocacy for Your Child.***

What's the Difference Between "PTA" and "PTO Today"?

One common question PTA leaders are asked is, "What's the difference between PTA and PTO Today?" Below is a list of replies you can give. Item 1 is most important, so use that if you only have a little time. Use more when speaking or making presentations to interested non-PTA parent or community groups.

1. In a nutshell, PTO Today, which appears to position itself as a national affiliation organization, is a *for-profit business* that sells information through a magazine and web site. Whether or not they pay PTO Today a single dime, non-PTA parent groups are *not* part of a larger organization.

2. Most state PTAs (though not all) offer automatic not-for-profit and tax exemption to their local units. PTO Today can not do this. All non-PTA parent groups must apply for this status themselves if they want the benefits of not-for-profit status. The current fee for filing for not-for-profit status with the IRS is $750.

3. The money that goes to PTA is not money taken away from the schools. It is put back into

4. Of or relating to a legislature.

Advocacy:

1. The profession or work of an advocate
2. The action of advocating, pleading for, or supporting a cause or proposal

In short summary, the Legislative committee may develop great ideas, new language for legislation that our local, state, or federal legislative body may not want to hear. So how do we get them to consider a new option or to see our point of view? This is where Advocacy comes in and plays a vital role, for tracking and developing and seeing how laws are being interpreted is more than a full time job, by the legislative committee. Thus we have developed another committee that focuses on advocating for these changes, and developing in all PTA's a voice that can advocate on issues at the state level. This will require meetings at the state level with all those who have control over the issues: I.e. Legislatures, Committees & Task Force members, Commissioners, Governor, Federal representatives etc. Advocates need to understand all sides of the issue and will need to have conversations with local administrators, teachers, principals and parents throughout our state to better understand how laws and/or proposed laws are/or may affect them. This information is then fed back to the Legislative Committee so that if needed language changes need to be made to better suite the needs of all who will be affected by those laws, then the legislative committee can do this. The changes are then returned back to the Advocacy group to enact the action of advocating, pleading for, or supporting a cause or proposal.

Each of these committees has room for additional individuals to join. Ideally every PTA should have one individual who would participate on these committees. Please contact the Alaska PTA if you are interested in either of these committees.

Senator Murkowski Receives PTA Award

WASHINGTON, DC (February 28, 2008) –Today, PTA honored two of our country's leaders, great child advocates, and champions of education. PTA presented its first-ever PTA Congressional Voice for Children Award to U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC).

The presentation took place this afternoon at Capitol Hill at a special awards luncheon filled with hundreds of PTA state presidents and legislative leaders during PTA's National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

Senator Murkowski was honored for her dedication to a number of efforts that benefit children and education. As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Murkowski acted as the sponsor of the Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act, helped pass the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, and is currently working on reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act.

"As a mother, former PTA President and Senator I am honored to receive this award and remain committed to ensuring that schools across the nation are strong, healthy places for our children to learn and grow," said Senator Murkowski. "I have been fighting for updated nutritional standards in schools because it is imperative that we teach our children healthy eating habits while they are young. I will also continue to work toward increased parent involvement in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, because as parents, nobody knows our kids better than us and nobody has a greater ability to ensure their success than us."

"By fighting to make higher education more accessible and confronting threats to our kids' health and nutrition, she has proven to be a truly powerful voice for children," said Jan Harp Domene, PTA national president. "Incidentally, we're proud to note that before she became the first Alaskan born senator to serve the state, Senator Murkowski got her start in public service as PTA president at her son's school.

PTA National President's Message

Our Members, Our Leaders-in-Training

You don't have to be PTA national president to see the passion of this organization's members. I knew long before I took office that it was our membership's commitment to children which has propelled PTA forward for over a century. But an organization doesn't thrive for 112 years on enthusiasm alone. Membership has enabled PTA to grow for generations because they are inspired and because they want to inspire others—that's how our membership becomes our leadership.

Nurturing our emerging leaders is important not only for the seamless operation of units from term to term, but it's also the means by which PTA remains relevant to the evolving masses that make up our nation's school communities. Developing leaders from within our membership ensures that our organization has a constant influx of new ideas worthy of the PTA mission.

the organization to provide services and resources to members so that they can be more effective at helping their children and schools. PTO Today is a privately owned company with $2.6 million in revenue in 2004 (*Boston Business Journal*, April 18, 2005). Its owner benefits from the profits from the services his company provides.

4. State PTAs are made up of trained and passionate volunteers who have led local units. They provide personal support to local units and assist with legislative issues, training, tax changes, and many other items that *specifically* affect PTAs. *PTO Today does not have people in* the field and provides no such support.

5. PTA is an extremely well-recognized organization that has worked to make significant, positive changes for all children, including school breakfast and lunch programs, nationwide polio vaccinations, and most recently, parent involvement standards in the federal act known as No Child Left Behind. PTO Today isn't and hasn't.

6. The portion of dues local PTAs send to state and national PTA is low (only $1.75 to national and a few dollars to state), but the return on investment is very high. PTO Today claims to be cheap - but you get what you pay for. (See number 7 below.)

7. PTA's growing list of resources currently includes 18 comprehensive campaigns and programs; 5 national award recognitions; 1 annual convention (and 1 state convention in each state); dozens of print publications, including *Our Children* magazine; a resource-filled web site; 8 national print and e-newsletters, as well as state newsletters and web sites; 10 e-learning courses; live workshops; and member discounts at popular retailers. PTO Today offers are much more limited and narrower in scope.

8. PTA welcomes and works with *all* people interested in children and education, as well as a wide variety of national, not-for-profit groups and non-PTA parent groups to ensure that each child has a good start in life. PTO Today has no such reach.

9. PTA's loss of membership - touted by PTO Today as proof PTA doesn't work - reflects losses across the *entire* not-for-profit world, as the pace of life and time for volunteering for any organization has decreased for everyone. PTA is nearly 6 million members strong - still a formidable advocate working successfully for children, families, and education.

It's never too early or too late to begin developing the next generation of PTA leaders. Newly elected PTA presidents can begin cultivating successors right away. By identifying several promising candidates and assigning roles or tasks which give them an opportunity to show their leadership potential, the entire unit can see who rises to the challenge. It is important not to favor any one candidate over another, however; there should always be a democratic process, rather than an "anointing," for choosing our new leaders.

Current leaders late in their terms can help develop leaders, too. Any time a PTA president has a meeting—with a school board member, state PTA leader, or potential community partner—that's a chance for an emerging leader to make new contacts or personally witness new, higher-level strategies.

Connect with the future of PTA: develop new leaders in your unit today! The destiny of a great organization is truly in your hands.

Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President

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Does anyone care about state rights anymore? They are not only Federalizing, but in fact Corporatizing our nation. Where it the ever loving outrage on the parts of the States???

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Carlyle Group May Buy Major CIA Contractor: Booz Allen Hamilton (CorpWatch)
The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest private equity funds, may soon acquire the $2 billion government contracting business of consulting giant Booz Allen Hamilton, one of the biggest suppliers of technology and personnel to the U.S. government's spy agencies. Carlyle manages more than $75 billion in assets and has bought and sold a long string of military contractors since the early 1990s. But in recent years it has significantly reduced its investments in that industry. If it goes ahead with the widely reported plan to buy Booz Allen, it will re-emerge as the owner of one of America's largest private intelligence armies.

Reports of a potential Carlyle acquisition of Booz Allen's government unit began circulating among U.S. military contractors in December 2007, after Booz Allen's senior partners and board members - a group of 300 vice presidents who own the privately-held firm - gathered at company headquarters in McLean, Virginia, for an extraordinary two-day meeting.

According to a December 15 letter to Booz Allen employees from CEO Ralph W. Shrader that was released by the firm, the vice presidents signed off on a "new strategic direction" that would involve separating the company's commercial and government units and operating them as separate companies. That was widely seen, both inside and outside the company, as a sign that a sale of one or both of the units was imminent. Shrader said the company hoped to come to a resolution of the issues involved by March 31, 2008.

In January 2008, major newspapers - each quoting unnamed people close to the situation - reported that discussions between Booz Allen and Carlyle about the sale of the government unit were underway. According to the Wall Street Journal, the deal will be "centered on Booz Allen's influence in defense and intelligence contracting. If an agreement is reached the sale price will likely be around $2 billion."

Christopher Ullman, Carlyle's chief spokesman, could neither confirm nor deny that a deal was in the works, and declined to comment to CorpWatch about the reports. Because of Carlyle's long experience in the defense sector, he added, such companies "would be a priority for us when the price is right and it's the right fit for us." George Farrar, a Booz Allen spokesman, said his company "has refused to discuss particulars of any ongoing discussions" and would not comment beyond what Shrader wrote in his December 15 missive to Booz Allen's workforce.

Who Is Booz Allen Hamilton?

In 2006, Booz Allen Hamilton, a privately held company based in McLean, Virginia, had a global staff of 18,000 and annual revenues of $3.7 billion. Its work for U.S. government agencies accounts for more than 50 percent of its business. Notably Booz Allen is a key adviser and prime contractor to all of the

major U.S. intelligence agencies - the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the National Security Agency (NSA), and - as well as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the National Counterterrorism Center, the Department of Defense and most of the Pentagon's combatant commands.

On its website, Booz Allen describes its intelligence work as part of its broader expertise in information technology. "Whether dealing with homeland security, peacekeeping operations, or the battlefield, success depend on the ability to collect, safeguard, store, distribute, fuse, and share information - on getting the right information to the right place at the right time," it says. "Our security professionals work in partnership with clients to develop capabilities ... for protecting information and networks against cyber and physical threats."

That has not always been the case: Booz Allen Hamilton was founded as a management consultancy in 1914 in Chicago by three businessmen whose surnames gave the firm its name. In 1940, after more than three decades of giving advice to top ranking companies in America's manufacturing and service economy, such as Montgomery Ward, Goodyear Tire and the Illinois State Railroad, Booz Allen started working for the U.S. military, where its clients included the Army, the Navy, and, after the war, the Air Force and the Pentagon.

Its initial contracts with the Navy in 1940 set the pace for its military work: as a management consultant, Booz Allen helped the Navy restructure for World War II and permeated its ranks with contractors ("Each Navy bureau had a Booz rep," Investors Daily reported in a 2005 profile of the firm). That relationship served as a template for Booz Allen's later work in intelligence and national security where its personnel worked inside government agencies alongside public employees.

Since the late-1990s, Booz Allen has forged a particularly close relationship with the NSA, the spy agency that monitors global telephone, e-mail and Internet traffic for the U.S. military and political leaders, which hired Booz Allen as its chief outside consultant on Project Groundbreaker. This $4 billion project outsourced the NSA's internal communications and networking systems to a consortium led by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and the IT subsidiary of Northrop Grumman.

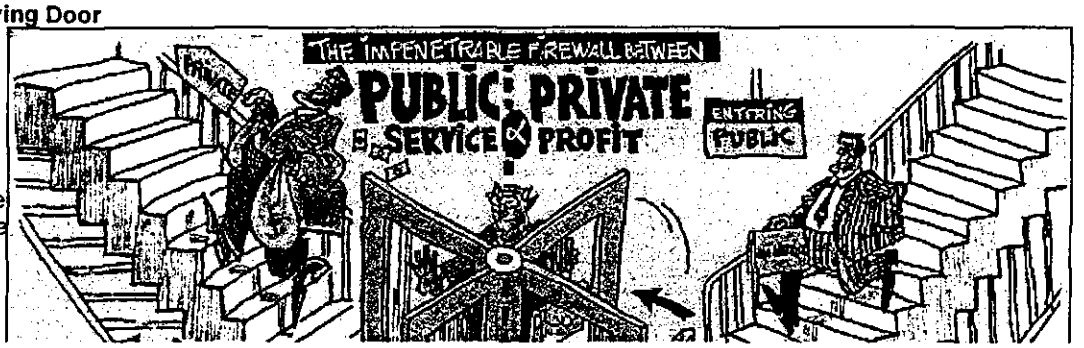
Today, among the many services Booz Allen provides to intelligence agencies, according to its Website, are *war-gaming - simulated drills in which military and intelligence officials test their response to potential threats* like terrorist attacks - as well as data-mining and analysis of imagery and intelligence picked up by U.S. spy satellites, the design of cryptographic, or code-breaking, systems (an NSA specialty) and "outsourcing/privatization strategy and planning." The company's 2007 annual report spells out several other areas of expertise, including "all source analysis," an intelligence specialty managed by the CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) that draws on public sources of information, such as foreign newspapers and textbooks, to add texture to data gathered by spies and electronic surveillance.

According to the company's annual report, Booz Allen is also working on one of the most important spy initiatives launched in recent years: the Cryptographic Modernization Program. Air Force General John C. Koziol, the commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, described this program as an attempt to combine a variety of intelligence technologies to pick up tell-tale signs of chemicals and other substances - into a single electronic package that can be used by combat and special operations commanders to track the enemy.

Booz Allen is a full partner in the project, according to General Koziol, an idea that has been "fully endorsed" by the Director of National Intelligence Michael McConnell, the nation's spy chief - himself a Booz Allen alumnus.

Revolving Door

To carry out its tasks at the intellige agencie Booz Allen has



hired a dazzling array of former national security officials and foot-soldiers. In 2002, Information Week reported that Booz Allen had more than 1,000 former intelligence officers on its payroll. In 2007, as this reporter was researching a chapter about Booz Allen for his forthcoming book, he asked the company if it could confirm that number or provide a more accurate one, and received an e-mail reply from spokesman George Farrar: "It is certainly possible, but as a privately held corporation we consider that information to be proprietary and do not disclose."

Buried deep on the company's Web site, however, a much larger number is confirmed in an explanation of a Booz Allen information technology contract with the DIA, which carries out intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It stated that the Booz Allen team "employs more than 10,000 TS/SCI cleared personnel." TS/SCI stands for top secret-sensitive compartmented intelligence, one of the highest possible security ratings, which would make Booz Allen one of the largest employers of cleared personnel in the United States.

Many of these former intelligence officers at Booz Allen, do the same jobs as they did for the government. For example, Keith Hall, a Booz Allen vice president initially worked in Army intelligence and on one of the congressional intelligence committees. In the early 1990s, he was hired by the CIA to manage budgets and policy development for then-Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates. During that time, he played an instrumental role in creating the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, which was later renamed the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. During the Clinton administration, Hall was named Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for space programs and, simultaneously, director of the NRO, the agency that manages the nation's military satellite program.

Now, as a Booz Allen executive, Hall leads a "strategic intelligence initiative" that integrates the company's extensive contracting activities for the NRO and the NGA. Recently, one of his most important tasks involved chairing a 2005 homeland security study group that recommended a major expansion of information and data-sharing between U.S. spy agencies that work outside the country and domestic law enforcement, like the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). "The study's findings have become a road map for the government in making decisions related to critical information sharing in support of homeland security," Booz Allen boasts in its 2007 annual report. (See our article, Domestic Spying, Inc.)

Other key executives who came to Booz Allen from the spy agencies include R. James Woolsey, the former director of the CIA, who was hired in 2003 to run Booz Allen's "global resilience" division, which advises corporations on security issues, and Joan A. Dempsey, a career U.S. intelligence official and a former top aide to former CIA Director George Tenet, who was hired in 2005 as a Booz Allen vice pr other key intelligence agencies.

It is these senior managers who would most likely benefit from a sale to Carlyle.

Unlike many of its competitors in the intelligence industry, Booz Allen is a privately held company whose shares are owned by its 300 vice presidents of whom "approximately 80 are in government support," Booz Allen's Farrar told CorpWatch. For these vice presidents, Carlyle's infusion of capital, and its $2 billion buyout of their shares, will make them very rich men and women indeed. After all, $2 billion divided by 80 is $25 million; even if Booz Allen's shares were divided equally, which is unlikely, that's an astounding windfall for any executive.

Booz Allen CEO Ralph Shrader

The man most responsible for Booz Allen's growth as an intelligence contractor is Ralph Shrader, who has been running the company as chairman and CEO since 1998. Shrader, an electrical engineer by training, came to Booz Allen in 1974 after serving at senior management levels of two prominent telecommunications companies - Western Union, where he was national director of advanced systems planning, and RCA, where he served in the company's government communications system division. These positions prepared him well for his later work at Booz Allen as a consultant to the telecommunications industry. According to his official biography, he "led major assignments" for the industry as a Booz Allen consultant and was deeply involved in the company's "landmark work for AT&T" when that company was broken up by the government.

In those assignments, Shrader may have been exposed to the telecommunications industry's close ties to U.S. intelligence. During the years he worked for Western Union and RCA, those companies, along with ITT World Communications, were part of a secret surveillance program known as Minaret in which telecommunication companies, with the concurrence of a handful of high-ranking executives, handed over to the NSA information

on all incoming and outgoing U.S. telephone calls and telegrams - an early version of the NSA's warrantless surveillance program launched by the Bush administration after the September 11th attacks. Minaret, and the involvement of the private companies in NSA spying, was exposed by the congressional committees investigating intelligence abuse in the mid-1970s, and was the inspiration behind the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which set the rules - including the important requirement for warrants - for domestic surveillance of telephone traffic.

None of this is alluded to in Booz Allen's official literature, of course; but Shrader, upon his appointment as CEO in 1998, mentioned in a rare press interview (with the Financial Times) that the most relevant background for his new position of chief executive was his experience working for telecommunications clients and doing classified military work for the U.S. government - "something of a Booz specialty," the FT pointed out.

Booz Allen adds on its website that Shrader, as CEO, has also "led important programs for the U.S. National Communications System and the Defense Information Systems Agency," two of the most important classified intelligence networks in use by the federal government. Under Shrader, Booz Allen also became the NSA's most important outside consultant, culminating in its advisory role in Project Groundbreaker. That project, which awarded its first contracts in the summer of 2001, put Booz Allen in a prime position to capture NSA and other intelligence work in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, when intelligence budgets, and NSA surveillance, increased substantially.

"War on Terror" Contracts

After September 11th, 2001, by Booz Allen's own account, the firm helped the government reshape its spying capabilities to match the new era of counterinsurgencies and terrorist threats. "The nature of intelligence changed dramatically in the wake of 9/11," Christopher Ling, a Booz Allen vice president, explains in the company's most recent annual report. "An entire analytic production system geared to detect large-scale cold war adversarial capabilities was suddenly required to transform." At Booz Allen, he added, "We are finding innovative ways to integrate intelligence and operations, enabled by advanced visualization and data management capabilities, which has allowed us to pioneer tactics, techniques, and procedures."

In addition to serving as a prime contractor on Admiral John Poindexter's controversial Total Information Awareness project, Booz Allen was active on both the military and economic fronts on the "war on terror." For the Pentagon, it helped develop the "blue force" tracking system that allows soldiers and commanders in Iraq and other battlegrounds the ability to electronically identify friendly troops. And in the weeks leading up to the invasion of Iraq, Booz Allen sponsored and organized several conferences aimed at helping U.S. corporations secure contracts in occupied Baghdad, with former CIA director Woolsey, one of the most ardent backers of the war, as a keynote speaker.

Under Shrader's leadership, Booz Allen played an instrumental role after September 11th in proselytizing for a greater corporate role in national and homeland security. This was important, the Booz Allen CEO said at a CEO summit he organized in 2002, because "business leaders cannot opt out of geopolitics and leave the job of security solely to government and the military."

Deepening the corporate alliance with the Bush administration and its war on terror also had significant advantages for Booz Allen and its fellow corporations: on one hand, it drastically increased their contracts with military and intelligence agencies; and on the other, homeland security provided a convenient excuse for reducing government oversight and regulation. These dual interests were spelled out in unusual detail in 2004 by Richard Wilhelm, a former CIA and NSA officer who once served as national security adviser to former Vice President Al Gore and now leads Booz Allen's business with the CIA and the Office of the DNI.

Speaking to a conference on information-sharing and counterterrorism, Wilhelm explained that the "right mix of policies" for business should include a wide range of "incentives" and "cooperative arrangements," including "appropriate protections from Freedom of Information Act requirements and other unintended consequences of more open information sharing." Government, he argued, should "help make the business case, and then sweeten it - because industry will share information when there is a business case to do so." In other words, corporations were happy to participate in the exchange of information about terrorism and other security threats, but only if there were enough rewards. And for Booz Allen, those rewards have been sweet indeed, as a short list of their recent unclassified contracts attests. They include:

- A $6.3 million contract to provide research on 3-D facial recognition biometric software for the Information Assurance Technical Analysis Center at Offut Air Force Base in Nebraska, awarded in 2008.

- A $48 million contract with the U.S. Air Force to conduct research on "survivability and lethality implications" of an Air Force vehicle program, awarded in 2008.

- In a partnership with CACI International, EDS, Lockheed Martin, SAIC and SRA, the right to bid on $12.2 billion worth of contracts for telecom and IT services for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), awarded in 2007.

- Participation in a consortium of seven companies that will bid on up to $20 billion worth of work in Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance - a mouthful of a term usually referred to as C4ISR - for the Army's Communications Electronics Command, which is based in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, awarded in 2006.

- A five-year, $25o million contract to provide "systems engineering technical assistance" to the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security, signed in 2005.

Little Congressional Scrutiny?

In spite of its tremendous power as a contractor, Booz Allen has received very little criticism or even scrutiny from the U.S. Congress. In January 2007, the Senate had a rare opportunity to inquire about the company when it held hearings on Michael McConnell's nomination as Director of National Intelligence (see box). Prior to the hearing, several senators said they would question McConnell about Booz Allen's role as a contractor; but the hearing was a desultory affair, and few questions were asked of the new DNI about the high level of contracting among the spy agencies or the specific role of Booz Allen.

A month later, a Booz Allen contract with the Department of Homeland Security came under close scrutiny in the House. In February 2007, Henry Waxman, a Democratic Congressman from California, the chairman of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, charged that Booz Allen had a significant conflict of interest over its contract to oversee an $8 billion contract with the DHS Secure Border Initiative known as SBI-Net. Under the contract, Boeing and other companies will build a "virtual fence" of cameras, radar and sensors that will transmit imagery and data to border patrol agents working along the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico. (See CorpWatch's "Fencing the Border".)

The conflict arose, said Waxman, because Booz Allen had long-standing business partnerships with Boeing, the prime contractor for SBI-Net, and could therefore not provide objective oversight of the program. At the hearing, Waxman pointed out to DHS officials that they had hired 98 people to oversee the SBI-Net contract. "But the problem is that 65 of these people don't work for the government. They work for the contractor," he said. "You're relying on them to do the function that a government ordinarily would do." DHS officials responded that Booz Allen had been hired for advice, not for oversight.

Waxman's criticism could be made of a myriad of contracts Booz Allen holds with intelligence agencies. At the NSA, for example, it has advised the agency about several contracts that involve companies that Booz Allen has close business ties with. That is also true at the NRO, the NGA and the CIA. So far, however, no reports of conflicts of interest have emerged from Congress, which in any case exercises little oversight over intelligence contracts.

In another damaging report issued in 2007, the General Accounting Office, the audit arm of the U.S. Congress, found that the Department of Homeland Security was spending nearly $16 billion a year on goods and services from the private sector, making it the third-largest employer of contractors in the federal government. Among the beneficiaries of DHS' spending was Booz Allen Hamilton, which in 2006 was awarded a $43 million no-bid contract to provide services to the DHS intelligence unit. Upon reading the $16 billion DHS figures in the GAO report, Joseph Lieberman, an independent U.S. senator from Connecticut, angrily commented: "plainly put, we need to know who is in charge at DHS - its managers and workers, or the contractors."

The Washington Post later found that Booz Allen's no-bid intelligence contract with DHS had ballooned in value from $2 million in 2003 to over $30 million in 2006 - 15 times its original value. When DHS lawyers first examined the Booz Allen deal, the Post said, they found it was "grossly beyond the scope" of the original

contract and had violated government procurement rules. An open competition was ordered by DHS lawyers, but delayed for a year. During that time, the Post said, "the payments to Booz Allen more than doubled again under a second no-bid arrangement, to $73 million."

Union Protests

So far, the only public criticism of the potential Carlyle-Booz Allen deal has come from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), one of the country's largest labor unions. Last year, the union launched a blistering attack on Carlyle and the private equity industry in a widely distributed report called "Behind the Buyouts: Inside the World of Private Equity." The gist of the report was that Carlyle, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts (KKR) and other large private equity funds were undermining the U.S. economy by avoiding taxes and creating "harsh consequences," such as layoffs, for workers and communities. In late 2007, when Carlyle acquired the assets of Manor Care, a chain of nursing homes where the SEIU is trying to organize workers, the union stepped up its campaign.

In January 2008, after rumors of a Carlyle takeover of Booz Allen surfaced in the press, SEIU issued a blistering press release denouncing the potential deal. The union's criticism of the proposed acquisition didn't focus on Booz Allen's role in intelligence outsourcing but on Carlyle's ties with the Mubadala Development fund of the Government of Abu Dhabi. In 2007, that fund paid $1.35 billion to buy a 7.5 percent ownership stake in Carlyle's general partnership.

As a result of that investment, the SEIU charged, Carlyle was risking national security. "The potential for a Carlyle Group-Booz Allen buyout demands urgency on the part of lawmakers and regulators to examine the risks faced by the U.S. when foreign governments potentially have access to classified and other sensitive national security information through their stake in U.S. companies," the union declared in a press release. In an interview with CorpWatch, Stephen Lerner, the director of SEIU's Private Equity Project, said the union launched this nationalist campaign out of concern that classified information from Booz Allen could leak into the hands of the Abu Dhabi fund, thus compromising U.S. security interests.

"When you combine buyout firms, which have much less reporting requirements because they are private, with opaque sovereign wealth funds, you get a toxic stew of secrecy," he said. Asked how or why Booz Allen executives might leak classified information to a foreign government, he replied: "The point is, you have no way of knowing if they would or wouldn't." He added that, while the SEIU has not taken a position on Booz Allen's extensive role in intelligence outsourcing, the issue of "government jobs being done by private contractors" might emerge in the future for the union.

(The SEIU does not mention in its material that the California Public Employees Retirement System, the pension fund for California state retirees where the SEIU has significant influence, owns five percent of the Carlyle Group.)

Carlyle's Ullman, who recently discussed the union campaign with SEIU president Andrew Stern during a conference on private equity, rejected the SEIU's claims. The charges that the Abu Dhabi investment could jeopardize national security "is really an obscene allegation," he said. Ullman added that the Abu Dhabi fund was a "passive investor" in Carlyle and would have no role in the management of Carlyle companies. "Carlyle's portfolio companies have a pristine track record in handling sensitive government data," he said. "Giving top secret and classified data to foreign governments is known as treason, and is punishable by jail and worse. That would be a fairly strong impediment" to leaks.

In any case, there is virtually no evidence to suggest that any US intelligence contractor has leaked classified information, and it's unlikely the union's allegations will be a factor if the Carlyle Group does decide to acquire Booz Allen Hamilton.

Shadow Intelligence Agency

Booz Allen prides itself on the long-term personal relationships it has forged between its personnel and their government clients. "We stay for a lifetime," Mark J. Gerencser, the senior vice president in charge of Booz Allen's government contracting division, remarked in 2006. A quick study of their biographies posted on Booz Allen's Website suggests that this is indeed true - the senior management have shuttled back and forth between the company and the government for their entire lives.

As the director of Booz Allen's U.S. government business, for example, Gerencser serves in "several broad-based roles," including "representing industry" to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which manage the Pentagon's vast intelligence operations. He is also a member of Booz Allen's leadership team that sets the strategic direction of the company, and has run many of the war games staged by Booz Allen for its government clients.

Just below him in the company's intelligence hierarchy is Ken Wiegand, another senior vice president. Weigand came to Booz Allen in 1983 after working for a decade in Air Force intelligence, and now leads the firm's work for national intelligence and law enforcement agencies and the Department of Homeland Security. His specialty, the Website says, includes imagery intelligence operations, which are managed by the NGA, one of Booz Allen's most important clients.

Senior vice president Joseph W. Mahaffee, a veteran of naval intelligence, is the leader of Booz Allen's Maryland procurement office business, which puts him in charge of the company's contracts with the NSA in Fort Meade. He focuses on "meeting the Information Assurance mission objectives" of the NSA with various technology services, including systems engineering, software development and "advanced telecommunications analysis."

Another key Booz Allen figure at the NSA is Marty Hill, who came to the company after a 35-year career in signals intelligence and electronic warfare and previously served as an expert on "information operations capabilities and policy" for Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon. He leads of team of 1,200 professionals engaged in all aspects of "signals intelligence" including technical analysis, systems development and operations.

Vice President Pamela Lentz is a former cryptology officer with the Navy and once worked as a program manager for TRW, one of the nation's oldest intelligence contractors (it is now owned by Northrop Grumman). She is Booz Allen's "client service officer" for the DIA and other military intelligence markets, which includes intelligence units within the Navy, Air Force, Army, the unified combatant commands and the undersecretary of defense for intelligence. Among other tasks, Lentz manages a 120-person Booz Allen team that supports the NRO, the Pentagon agency that manages the nation's military spy satellites. She also runs a task force that supports human intelligence collection efforts at the DIA.

Vice President Laurene Gallo, a former intelligence analyst at the NSA, leads a Booz Allen "intelligence research and analysis" team that support several agencies, including the CIA, the DNI and the National Counterterrrorism Center. Vice President Richard Wilhelm, whose job at Booz Allen is to work with the CIA and the ODNI, came to the company after a long career in U.S. intelligence that included stints directing the Joint Intelligence Center for Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and the NSA's first director of information warfare.

Vice President William Wansley, a former Army intelligence officer, leads a team of experts in "strategic and business planning" who support the CIA's National Clandestine Service, the part of the CIA that conducts covert operations and recruits foreign spies, as well as the DNI. Another vice president Robert W. Noonan, a retired Army lieutenant general who once served as the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence and the commanding general of the U.S. Army's Intelligence and Security Command, is in charge of expanding Booz Allen's military intelligence business within all the armed services, the combatant commands, the DIA and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

It is each of these vice presidents who are poised to personally profit from a corporate takeover by the Carlyle Group.

Who is the Carlyle Group?

The Carlyle Group is a private equity fund - a group of financial advisers that invests large sums of money from pension funds, large corporations, wealthy individuals and foreign banks into privately held companies in many different industries, and then run those companies until the market is right to sell them at a substantial profit. During the early years of the George W. Bush administration, it gained attention - and some notoriety - because of the large number of former high-ranking political figures it had attracted as advisers and managers. They included former President George H.W. Bush, former Secretary of State James Baker and former British Prime Minister John Major.

Shortly after the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, Carlyle was in the news again when newspapers revealed that Osama Bin Laden's family in Saudi Arabia - which owns one of the world's

largest construction companies - held a stake in the fund. The stake was quickly liquidated after the news broke.

Until the recent slowdown in the financial markets, the private equity industry, with over $160 billion under its control, was widely seen as one of the most important drivers of the global economy, pumping venture capital into high-tech startups and buy-out capital into corporate reorganizations worldwide. They are extremely active in Britain, where more than 20 percent of the private sector workforce is employed by companies that are, or have been, the targets of private equity investments. Business magazines credit them with breaking up some of America's worst-run conglomerates and bringing competition to Japan's highly regulated and incestuous banking industry.

"Private equity funds now wield much of the transformational power at the heart of the capitalist system," The Economist magazine recently observed. In addition to Carlyle, which has more than $75 billion under management, industry leaders include the Blackstone Group ($30 billion), Bain Capital ($27 billion), Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. ($26 billion) and Texas Pacific Group ($20 billion).

Carlyle, the largest of the funds, is best-known for owning large military contractors and aerospace contractors, such as United Defense Industries, the maker of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and other weapons systems, which it sold to BAE Systems in 2004, and Vought Aircraft Industries, a major producer of structural assemblies for commercial, military and business aircraft, which it still holds. Other military contractors that have gone through Carlyle's hands include EG&G, LTV Aerospace and Magnavox Electronic Systems.

During the 1990s, when it made most of these acquisitions, the fund was led by former Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, who served during the Carter administration as deputy director of the CIA. During his tenure, Carlyle bought and sold nearly a dozen companies active in the intelligence industry. They include BDM International, an influential company that, during the 1990s, provided some of the U.S. Army's first contract interpreters and, through a subsidiary known as Vinnell Corporation, once trained the Saudi National Guard. It was eventually sold to Northrop Grumman and is now part of that company's huge intelligence division.

U.S. Investigative Service, which Carlyle bought in 1996 and sold in 2007, is the largest provider of security investigations for employees and contractors hired by the Pentagon, the National Security Agency and other agencies, and in recent months has been training Iraqi police commandoes under contract to the Pentagon. (See CorpWatch coverage of USIS.)

Another spectacular acquisition was QinetiQ, the privatized arm of Britain's military research corporation. It was acquired by Carlyle in 2003, sold in 2007, and recently emerged as one of the premiere U.S. intelligence contractors - after netting a $470 million profit for Carlyle. (See our article "QinetiQ goes Kinetic".)

Carlyle, however, has divested itself of most of its military holdings. "In our current U.S. portfolio, there's none," Carlyle's Ullman told CorpWatch. Today, most of its investments are concentrated in commercial industries, such as real estate and banking. During a few months' span in 2006, for instance, Carlyle did a "manufacturing deal, an education deal, a consumer products deal, and buildings deal, and a financial services deal," according to an account in the Washingtonian magazine. Its holdings are extensive and pervasive: every time you rent a car from Hertz, catch a quick breakfast at Dunkin' Donuts or get ice-cream at Baskin-Robbins, you're sending money to Carlyle.

A $2 billion acquisition of Booz Allen's contracting business would therefore put Carlyle back in the big leagues of military contractors.

Michael McConnell

Booz Allen Hamilton's most illustrious alumnus is Michael McConnell, the current Director of National Intelligence, the top spy job in the country, who epitomizes the term revolving door, spinning from government job to industry and back again.

McConnell was a senior Pentagon official during George Bush Senior's administration and the first Gulf War, where he worked for Dick Cheney, then the Secretary of Defense, as the chief intelligence adviser to General Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Cheney was so impressed with McConnell's work during the war that he appointed him to head the NSA in 1993 (he later intervened personally to convince McConnell to take the DNI job in 2007).

McConnell subsequently spent more than 10 years as a Booz Allen senior vice president in charge of the company's extensive contracts in military intelligence and information operations for the Pentagon. In that job, his official biography states, McConnell provided intelligence support to "the U.S. Unified Combatant Commanders, the Director of National Intelligence Agencies, and the Military Service Intelligence Directors." That made him a close colleague of not only Donald Rumsfeld, who ran the Pentagon from 2001 to 2007, but of Vice President Cheney, who has served President Bush as a kind of intelligence godfather since the earliest days of the administration.

As Booz Allen's chief intelligence liaison to the Pentagon, McConnell was at the center of action, both before and after the September 11 attacks. During the first six years of the Bush administration, Booz Allen's contracts with the U.S. government rose dramatically, from $626,000 in 2000 to $1.6 billion in 2006. McConnell and his staff at Booz Allen were deeply involved in some of the Bush administration's most controversial counterterrorism programs. They included the Pentagon's infamous Total Information Awareness data-mining scheme run by former Navy Admiral John Poindexter, which was an attempt to collect information on potential terrorists in America from phone records, credit card receipts and other databases. (Congress cancelled the program over civil liberties concerns, but much of the work was transferred to the NSA, where Booz Allen continued to receive the contracts.)

In 2002, when the CIA launched a financial intelligence project to track terrorist financing with the secret cooperation of SWIFT, the Brussels-based international banking consortium, Booz Allen won a contract to serve as an "outside" auditor of the project.

In January 2007, McConnell resigned from Booz Allen after he was appointed by President George W. Bush to his current job. He now oversees all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, and thus much of Booz Allen's government business. (See this reporter's 2007 Salon article.)

Of Unions, Pension Funds and the Carlyle Group

The SEIU's campaign material on the Carlyle Group, including a 40-page white paper on private equity issued last year, fails to mention a salient fact: that many SEIU members are affiliated with a pension fund that holds a significant stake in the Carlyle Group.

That fund is the California Public Employees Retirement System, the world's largest public pension fund, often known as CalPERS. It has held a five percent stake in Carlyle's core management group since 2000, and therefore profits every time Carlyle makes money from one of its investments. Many of the California state officials who sit on CalPERS boards are also members of the SEIU, although they officially only represent their employer, not the union.

In 2001, this reporter attended a meeting of the CalPERS investment board where Carlyle's three founding managers appeared as witnesses. The public meeting took place at a time when Carlyle was a hot media topic because of its close ties to the Bush administration and its prominence as the nation's 11th largest military contractor. Several SEIU officials attended the meeting, and the questioning of Carlyle was led by a CalPERS official who belonged to the SEIU. However, the investment board didn't ask about Carlyle's military industry investments, and instead posed a single, softball question about Carlyle's views on the U.S. investment climate.

Asked why the SEIU hasn't mentioned CalPERS' stake in Carlyle in any of its literature, Stephen Lerner, the director of SEIU's Private Equity Project, replied that the union didn't start investigating the pension fund's role in Carlyle until 2007.

Until then, "we never really thought about CalPERS' investment in Carlyle," he said. "Now that we're digging in deeper, we're raising lots of questions." Under SEIU's initiative, a California lawmaker has introduced legislation that would prohibit CalPERS from investing in private equity funds owned in part by overseas funds from countries that don't "generally respect human rights." According to an SEIU handout, the legislation "is only applicable to private equity firms in which sovereign wealth funds have an ownership stake," such as Carlyle.

Carlyle's Ullman responded that the legislation could hurt the people it is supposed to protect. California lawmakers "should consider the detrimental impact on California pensioners who have benefited greatly from CalPERS' investment in, and ownership of, the Carlyle Group," he told CorpWatch.

Tim Shorrock's book on the outsourcing of US intelligence, Spies for Hire, will be published in May by Simon & Schuster.

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From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:57 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: *EDU Funding: new article*

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http://newsminer.com/weblogs/capital-focus/2008/mar/25/how-much-money-will-schools-get/

How much money will schools get?

By Stefan Milkowski
Published Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Lawmakers are talking about adding money to K-12 education this year, but it's unclear how much and in what form, and therefore how much school districts will get.

Last week, Sen. Lyman Hoffman of Bethel talked about giving schools about $20 million as fuel grants. In 2007 (the last audited year), school districts spent about $62 million on fuel – Hoffman figured the state could pick up a third of it. The money would be distributed based on actual spending on fuel, so bigger districts would get more dollars, but districts where fuel was a higher percent of the overall budget would fare relatively better.

Sen. Gary Wilken of Fairbanks pitched a different idea yesterday on the Senate floor – bring back the school improvement grants that were doled out last year but dropped this year, also worth $20 million.

Each of the proposals can be compared to tacking another $100 onto the base student allocation, something Wilken, Gov. Sarah Palin, and others pushed for. That would have put another $22 million into K-12.

All three proposals affect different districts differently. Basically, the school improvement grants would be best for urban districts, followed by the BSA increase and then the fuel grants. Rural districts would benefit most from the fuel grants, then the BSA boost, then the improvement grants. (Implementing the ISER study for district cost factors, which accounts for higher fuel costs, is part of the new K-12 funding package, but it doesn't kick in for the next few years.)

There seems to be some disagreement on the issue among members of the Senate majority. At a news conference today, Senate President Lyda Green of Wasilla said they would probably dole out money on a per-student basis, as the BSA or improvement grants would. Sen. Bert Stedman of Sitka chimed in that they were still considering different proposals.

There's also another idea out there. Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux of Kodiak is sponsoring a bill that would cover 50 percent of districts' fuel costs for 2007 to 2009 -- a more generous version of Hoffman's proposal. The bill has a hearing Thursday.

One key aspect of the proposals being considered now is that they would all be one-time deals, whereas the increase in the BSA would have given more money this year and every year after. The new K-12 funding package is stairstepped, with increases to the BSA of $100 for each of the next three years. But if lawmakers provide "one-time" grants worth the same as a $100 increase this year, school districts won't see any increase next year, which means they'll probably push for another "one-time" grant.

The subtext here is that Gov. Palin may have been right. She wanted to be fairly generous this year (on the scale of the various proposals), and argued that was the only way to get beyond the debate over funding and move into the debate over how best to teach Alaska's children. Lawmakers went with the cheaper version, and now school districts are saying they don't have enough money and lawmakers are debating how to get it to them. School districts still don't know how to write their budgets, and school funding risks once again becoming part of the end of the session deal-making.

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From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 1:05 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: EDU Funding: another new blog article

FROM MCALLISTER'S BLOG:

Veto vetoed

Posted: March 25, 2008 11:57 AM

Apparently the governor blinked.

Legislative sources say that no deal was cut with Gov. Palin regarding the K-12 funding distribution bill, which on Thursday she threatened to veto. On Friday afternoon, the governor issued a news release saying that she would in fact sign the bill.

Legislative leaders said immediately on Thursday that they would override Palin's veto, something that hasn't happened since the Knowles administration. (Frank Murkowski always says the news media underplayed that part of his administration -- no veto overrides.) **The word is that House Speaker John Harris made this override inevitability clear to Palin, and she retreated.**

There was some suggestion that the forthcoming capital budget from the Senate would satisfy Palin's concern that the base student allocation would be raised only by $100 a year, rather than $200. **But I'm hearing that the additional funding rather will just ensure that the $100 is a real number**, offsetting the reductions that will come through the loss of school improvement grants.

Palin lost this one, but she cut her losses quickly, possibly minimizing the impact on the public.

Senate Finance Co-Chairs Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman say they're still checking to be sure, but it appears that Fiscal Year 2008 will go down as the biggest year in state history for both savings and revenue. The Senate has voted to put $4 billion in the Constitutional Budget Reserve and $1 billion in the heretofore-little-known Statutory Budget Reserve.

Hoffman says he's not sure if revenue in inflation-adjusted terms is the most ever. There were some fat years in the early 1980s.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:48 AM
To: Tom Irwin; Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Joseph Balash; Mike Nizich; Michael Tibbles; Kris Perry; Sharon Leighow
Subject: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

The Bureau of Land Management has just published a public land order making 82,608 acres near Paxson available for conveyance to the State under the Alaska Statehood Act.

At least one Alaska reporter has inquired about the BLM decision and the relevant background. So, I wanted you to know.

The modification of PLO 5150 to recognize the State's previous selections is the product of a lengthy planning process initiated several years ago. The State originally asked the Secretary of the Interior to release most of the lands in the TAPS Corridor on the grounds that they are no longer needed for federal purposes. While the 82,608 acres is far less than the State originally sought, it does represent high priority acreage for DNR.

The BLM is unlikely to make additional lands within the TAPS Corridor south of the Yukon River available for State selection any time soon. However, it will commence a planning process to consider acreage north of the Yukon which the State also would like to receive.

By separate email, I have advised other people within the State administration of the BLM's decision.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:04 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey
Subject: FW: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

You may already know this, Privileged or Personal Material Redacted regarding presumption of a workers comp claim for disability as a result of disease from certain professions (firefighters). Our director (Brad Thompson) sent an email to this affect to the leg. office last week. Privileged or Personal M Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Tibbles also had a conversation with Brad earlier today.

From: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: FW: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted . see my email from last week

Brad

Brad.Thompson@alaska.gov

From: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 7:51 PM
To: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA); Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Subject: RE: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Mindy,

In its present form HB200 is limited to creating a new statutory presumption for those defined firefighters that have certification as Firefighter I, with at least 7 years experience within the state and no evidence of the disease at each annual exam....

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Brad

From: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)
Sent: Wed 3/19/2008 7:21 PM
To: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Subject: Fw: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

----- Original Message -----
From: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
To: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)
Sent: Wed Mar 19 17:54:15 2008
Subject: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Hi Kevin,

Can you briefly tell me the Div. of Risk Management unofficial stance on this bill? This is the bill that would allow workers' comp claims in the future for yet undetermined cancers that may have been caused from exposure to yet to be identified carcinogens in the line of work. I'm compiling information to prepare Russ for a meeting tomorrow morning (Thurs.) and haven't come across any notes from Admin. I don't need much, just whether or not the CS evokes strong concerns or excitement. You can either email or call me, your preference.

Thanks

Mindy

Mindy Rowland

Deputy Legislative Director

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:34 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: Land selections / Cabins

Governor - If I get an error message back, I will print off and hand to you. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:23 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Land selections / Cabins

Janice, the Governor and I had exchanged some email last night and this morning on lands and cabin issues. This one keeps getting sent back to me as undeliverable because of time limits. Would you see that she receives it. Thanks Tom

Governor, we will work on some type of press release because it is good news about the progress. The closer we get to

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From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=PSGALVIN1]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:45 AM
To: Sarah Palin; Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: RE: Fw: Point Thomson question

Governor,

We're finalizing a draft press release today that can go out either tomorrow or Friday with the AGIA schedule.

-Pat

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:41 AM
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Thank you Marty.
Are we estimating a timeline yet on announcing DNR finding?
And Tibbles was stopped again today by McAllister asking about AGIA timing... just fyi... he (and other reporters) will be attending one of my legislative budget meetings this afternoon so he'll be asking me again about timing of special session and he'll want me to answer his "what's up with AGIA" standard questions.

"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov> wrote:

> Governor, All,
> I am forwarding this exchange between Robert Dillon and Cammy Taylor (DNR's Oil & Gas Division) just so you know the correct information. The Wesley Loy' article in today's Anch Daily News inaccurately stated that ExxonMobil's proposal was filed with the Superior Crt. It was simply filed with DNR as part of the PTU Remand Hearing.
> Marty
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Taylor, Cammy O (DNR)
> To: rdillon@energyintel.com <rdillon@energyintel.com>
> Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
> Sent: Wed Mar 26 09:07:59 2008
> Subject: Point Thomson question
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> Robert,
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> Attached is the "Post Hearing Brief of Exxon Mobil Corporation, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, Chevron USA Inc., and ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc." and a "[Proposed] Agreed Final Judgment and Order" filed with the DNR Commissioner Friday 3/21. These documents were filed for the Commissioner's consideration only. They were not filed with the Superior Court.
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> If you need any additional information you can reach me at cammy.taylor@alaska.gov or 907-269-8817. ~Cammy

----- Original Message -----
From: Robert Dillon <RDillon@energyintel.com>
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Wed Mar 26 06:59:40 2008
Subject:

Marty,

Can we talk sometime this morning about what's happening in the Point Thomson case? Wesley's story wasn't exactly clear on where things are. So Exxon has gone outside the admin hearing process and asked the state superior court to approve its plan? Are any of these docs online?

Sincerely,

R.A. Dillon

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:36 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Libraries - State Historical Records

Governor,

Here are appointment recommendations for the Council on Libraries and State Historical Records Advisory Board. Background checks done. Some of these are tough to find folks for but this fills 9 of 10 spots we're trying to resolve on these 2 boards.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:34 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Telephone Call/Visit Request

Importance: High

Governor - Frank spoke with Matt Yerbic, VP Alaska Airlines. Matt will be resigning Alaska Airlines and would like to fly up and see you before he leaves his position. Frank explained that you are very busy at this time. Matt asked if you would be available to call him. He would like to talk with you in regards to his future business opportunities.

Contact: Matt Yerbic

206-619-0162

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]
Sent: *Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:54 AM*
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); 'grayfam8@msn.com'
Subject: RE: Sitka Auditorium

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your email to Governor Palin regarding funding for the Sitka High School Auditorium that was added to SB 256, the Supplemental Budget bill, which recently passed the Legislature. We will take your recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Rehfeld, Director

Office of Management and Budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:09 AM

To: grayfam8@msn.com

Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 7:17 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Mr. Steve Gray

address: 104 Meridian CT Shelton WA 98584

360-427-6494

MESSAGE:

Please pass BILL: SB 256, the Sitka auditorium needs to get finished. My daughter is flying from Washington State for camp in June. I lived in Sitka from 1986 - 1995, and believe that finishing the new auditorium will provide an excellent stage for performing for the yearly fine arts camp and the Sitka School District.

Please consider in passing the bill.

Thank You!

Steve Gray

Shelton, WA

grayfam8@msn.com

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From: Pat Murray [mrpm@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:40 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); mike chenault; tom wagoner; Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Keven Meyer

Subject: Fw: Kasilof River Boat Launch

----- Original Message -----
From: Pat Murray
To: King, James G (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:24 AM
Subject: Re: Kasilof River Boat Launch

Thank You for your response.

I agree that a drift boat haulout is needed in the lower Kasilof River. The prospect of a **motorboat launch** is an entirely different proposition. That is a very alarming scenario for the local residents. The river and the residents have for the most part not had the problems with hydrocarbons from sportsfishing,overcrowding,horsepower limits issues,etc.,that the Kenai is currently experiencing-mainly for lack of motorboat access. As is- one F&G researchers jet boat is heard loudly throughout the area. The possibility of numerous ones is very disturbing indeed! Who will make the call for these concerns- Will jetboats be run anywhere in the river? Will the present drift guides, all "motorup", to compete? Will there be a horsepower limit? Will the river have more bank erosion? Will the **beluga whales** that feed all the way up the Kasilof River's tidal zone, be impacted?
Many ,many, negative impacts can easily be foreseen. Now would be an excellent time to rethink the funding of the project. If the project did not include a motorboat launch, I could support it.I believe the area's fish and wildlife would be more sustainable without the motorboat launch. Just look at the Kenai in July! This Kasilof project will not relieve that pressure, it will only create another problem! Please pass these comments on also.

Thank You,
Patrick E. Murray
Kasilof-resident 18yrs, Kenai peninsula resident 35yrs.
----- Original Message -----

> **From:** King, James G (DNR)
> **To:** King, James G (DNR)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:25 AM
> **Subject:** Kasilof River Boat Launch
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> Hello,
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> I am just letting you know that we will be passing your comments about the proposed Kasilof River Boat Launch on to Fish and Game.
>
> James

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Department of Fish and Game funding proposal #44823

From: Sandy [mailto:sacmatthews@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:46 AM
To: King, James G (DNR)
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); rep_mike_chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us; Olson, Kurt E (LAA); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Crome, Cora J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); rep.kevin.meyer@legis.state.ak.us
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From: Sandy [sacmatthews@acsalaska.net]

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:09 PM
To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Got it. Thanks

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 09:17:35

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

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From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 07:59:02 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, we will work on some type of press release because it is good news about the progress. The closer we get to the end, and there is a large amount (years) of work remaining, the land selections get much harder because of things like over selections and complications with clear title.

The cabin issue is tough. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Sorry this is so long, its one of the really tough issues. God bless your day. Tom

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To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 07:07:46 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

How can we let Alaskans know the significance of this? It's good news and it does benefit them.

Also, is anything new on the idea (bad idea) of burning down the cabins/emergency shelters that are sitting on BLM lands throughout some parts of Alaska? I still hear questions on what I can do to stop it.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 00:09:53

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, info if asked. The State has received over 3 million acres from the Feds in the last two years. Doesn't seem like too much for the size of Alaska but this is around the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. The 82,608 acres is in addition to what we have already received - this is the land within the TAPS Pipeline corridor in the Copper River Basin that was freed up through the discussions with BLM on their East Alaska Management Plan. This 82,608 acres is not actually traversed by the pipeline, but to the east and west. Some is land in the Alaska Range (just west of the Delta River) that the

mining folks are excited to get

and the rest is near the Gulkana Glacier. - the home of the Arctic Man snow machine race. BLM and state people have been working hard on getting title to Alaska lands.

The amount of land still owed the state is approx 11 million acres.

BLM and the state have also had significant success in obtaining uncontested title for Alaska to numerous navigable waterways in Alaska through recordable disclaimers.

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To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:53:03 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 21:30:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, I don't think you have to do anything but I have asked our Mine/Land/Water people to give us a summary of all BLM lands transferred to the state over the last couple of years. I think it is now over 3-million acres. I will get an update out tomorrow.

God bless. Tom

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Katz, John W (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:17:35 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thank you for the info. Pls let me know if I need to do anything on this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:47:42

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Joseph Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>,"Michael Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

The Bureau of Land Management has just = published a public land order making 82,608 acres near Paxson available = for conveyance to the State under the Alaska Statehood Act. &nbs= p;

At least one Alaska reporter has inquired about = the BLM decision and the relevant background. So, I wanted you to = know.

The modification of PLO 5150 to recognize the = State's previous selections is the product of a lengthy planning = process initiated several years ago. The State originally asked the = Secretary of the Interior to release most of the lands in the TAPS = Corridor on the grounds that they are no longer needed for federal = purposes. While the 82,608 acres is far less than the State = originally sought, it does represent high priority acreage for DNR. =

The BLM is unlikely to make additional lands = within the TAPS Corridor south of the Yukon River available for State = selection any time soon. However, it will commence a

planning = process to consider acreage north of the Yukon which the State also would = like to receive.

By separate email, I have advised other people = within the State administration of the BLM's decision.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> > > > jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:25 PM
To: 'corinsak@gci.net'
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 3:03 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Lenny Corin

address: 8201 Summerset Drive Anchorage AK 99518

907-344-5101

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin,

We met recently at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting and I hope that you are displaying on your refrigerator the magnet I gave you from the Maritime National Wildlife Refuge!

I've since retired from the Federal government and would like to make sure you are aware of the current inequity that exists for Federal retirees in Alaska compared to the lower 48 and look for your support for Federal legislation to correct this problem.

In Alaska and Hawaii Federal employees receive a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) rather than Locality Pay (LP), which applies in the lower 48. The difference is that COLA does not apply toward retirement but LP does. For me this means that my pension is around 45% rather that 58% of my previous pay. As a result of this inequity, Alaska and Hawaii retirees receive the lowest retirement pay in the Nation for their grade and experience level. This inequity makes it difficult for retirees to remain in AK. It also makes recruitment and retention of experienced Federal employees difficult as employees are looking to maximize their retirement benefits toward the end of their careers.

Why should the State of Alaska care? I believe that the State of Alaska benefits from having the best and the brightest managing the extensive Federal estate in Alaska. By handicapping Federal managers through this inequitable system Alaska is at a disadvantage compared to Federal recruiters in the lower 48.

By losing retirees from Alaska you also lose money that would otherwise be spend in Alaska communities. You also lose an extremely valuable work force of potential community volunteers.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will support Federal legislation that would place Alaska and Hawaii on equal footing with the rest of the Nation by converting our current system to Locality Pay. Please also assure that Federal retirees are not forgotten. I would hope that for the purpose of pension payments for current retirees that COLA can be included in calculations for retirement pay as well.

Sincerely,

Lenny Corin

corinsak@gci.net

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From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MKRUTHERFORD]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:44 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Governor,

We are not announcing when the Commissioner will issue the decision on the PTU Remand Hearing. However it is fair to tell them that Superior Crt Judge Gleason has required we file a decision with her by June 15th.

Regarding the questions you will receive on AGIA, we are working on the Special Session Proclamation and draft press release, which will be to you and Sharon by the end of the day. Perhaps you could simply tell the press they will be hearing something specific from you by the end of the week.

Thanks,

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 10:40:33 2008

Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Thank you Marty.

Are we estimating a timeline yet on announcing DNR finding?

And Tibbles was stopped again today by McAllister asking about AGIA timing... just fyi... he (and other reporters) will be attending one of my legislative budget meetings this afternoon so he'll be asking me again about timing of special session and he'll want me to answer his "what's up with AGIA" standard questions.

"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov> wrote:

Governor, All,

I am forwarding this exchange between Robert Dillon and Cammy Taylor (DNR's Oil & Gas Division) just so you know the correct information. The Wesley Loy' article in today's Anch Daily News inaccurately stated that ExxonMobil's proposal was filed with the Superior Crt. It was simply filed with DNR as part of the PTU Remand Hearing.

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Taylor, Cammy O (DNR)

To: rdillon@energyintel.com <rdillon@energyintel.com>

Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 09:07:59 2008

Subject: Point Thomson question

Robert,

Attached is the "Post Hearing Brief of Exxon Mobil Corporation, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, Chevron USA Inc., and ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc." and a "[Proposed] Agreed Final Judgment and Order" filed with the DNR Commissioner Friday 3/21. These documents were filed for the Commissioner's consideration only. They were not filed with the Superior Court.

If you need any additional information you can reach me at cammy.taylor@alaska.gov or 907-269-8817. ~Cammy

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert Dillon <RDillon@energyintel.com>

To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 06:59:40 2008

Subject:

Marty,

Can we talk sometime this morning about what's happening in the Point Thomson case? Wesley's story wasn't exactly clear on where things are. So Exxon has gone outside the admin hearing process and asked the state superior court to approve its plan? Are any of these docs online?

Sincerely,

R.A. Dillon

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